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### Regarding hunger strikers in Cuba

It has been brought to the attention of our party that a group of political activists are currently undertaking a hunger strike to protest against certain aspects of the policies of the Cuban authorities. According to our sources, these activists have been engaging in the hunger strike for more than two weeks.

The hunger strikers are Iris Tamara Pérez Aguilera, President of the Rosa Parks Feminist Movement for Civil Rights, Diosiris Santana Pérez, a member of the Pedro Luis Boitel Political Prisoners, Segundo Rey Cabrera González, General Secretary of the Cuban Comité for Human Rights and Jorge Luis García Pérez "Antúnez," founder of the Pedro Luis Boitel Political Prisoners. According to our sources, the activists are asking for the following changes in policy from the Cuban authorities:

1. An end to the torture and repression of imprisoned opposition activist Mario Alberto Pérez Aguilera and all other Cuban political prisoners.
2. Prompt and just resolutions to the cases of thousands of Cubans without a place to live, renewing the existing "Campaign for Dignified and Decorous Housing for Every Cuban."
3. An end to the repression of peaceful human rights defenders, and that the Castro regime ratify and publish international human rights covenants and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which Cuba is signatory.

Against this background, I would like to ask how Cuban authorities will meet this list of demands and what is being done to ensure the health and safety of the strikers?

Sincerely

for  
Mr. Jan Tore Sanner, MP

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Mr. Jan Tore Sanner, MP  
Norwegian Conservative Party

I have received your Note dated the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2009 and, as I can see, you insist in using wrong "sources" about Cuba, those based in Miami, a US city where a great confusion about certain terms exists: in Miami, they call "freedom fighters" the declared Cuban-American terrorists (you know very well some of them). Pity for you, but the worst of it is that you repeat the lies they tell you, without any kind of serious confirmation or proofs, and this is not correct, taking into account your position as Norwegian M.P. Because of my respect to the Norwegian Parliament, I will try to clarify some of the information your "sources" from Miami gave you.

When those "sources" talk about "political activist" in jails in my Country, they are referring to vulgar mercenaries that, as it has been totally proved, were participating in a conspiracy against Cuba, paid by the Government of the USA, the historical enemy of the Cuban Nation so, they deserve, at least, to be in jail –your "Quislings" here, had a worst destiny (Congratulations to the Norwegian Patriots that gave them what they deserved!).

To try to diminish your ignorance about the history of my Country (and Latin America, in general), I will use some of the precious time I dedicate here to improve the relationship between Cuba and Norway, and give you some useful information about the 3 points in your Note:

1- The only part of the Cuban territory where "torture and repression against imprisoned" is practiced every day, is in the illegally occupied Base of Guantanamo which, as you very well know, is under the control of the US administration. Cuba is not Guantanamo because, more that 50 years ago, we produced a genuine Revolution (without Soviet tanks or any other external assistance, only with the love for freedom and independence of the Cuban People) that defeated the Batista's dictatorship, one of the many criminal regimes imposed by the USA empire to our Countries, not only to Cuba, to protect their interests (Trujillo in Dominican Republic, Duvalier in Haiti, Somoza family in Nicaragua and all the military tyrannies that existed in Central and South America during the last Century). During the Batista-US "democracy", more than 20 thousands Cuban patriots were killed and tortured, so you can be sure that in my Country (with the exception of Guantanamo) no authority, no body can even try to torture a prisoner. It would go absolutely against the ethical principles that had made possible the existence of the Cuba Revolution during the last 50 years.

For your knowledge, the assassins and torturers of the Batista's tyranny were trained by specialists of the CIA and other repressive US institutions, and all of them, at the Triumph of the Revolution the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1959, were welcomed in the USA, mainly in Miami, where they have been living freely up to now. It shows that the use of torture by the US Government is not new, what happens is that your admired Mr. Bush was so stupid that now every body knows, even you in spite of your ignorance, Mr. Sanner. About this fact, recognized by everybody, including the new 'US administration, I would like to ask you: How many letters, protesting for the proved use of torture, even now and not only in Guantanamo, have you sent to the US Government?

2- About your concern for the situation of housing in Cuba, there are two reasons to consider it, at least, cynical:

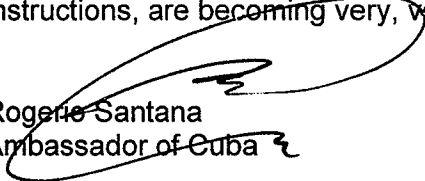
- For the last 50 years, 10 different Governments of US have imposed a criminal blockade to our people, only because, in 1959 we decided not to continue being a "banana republic". This criminal policy, condemned every year at the General Assembly of UN by the immense majority of the international community (only supported by Israel... you, and some of the Cuban "Quislings"— what a coincidence!), has caused terrible damages to the Cuban economy, affecting, among many other things, the construction of housing.

- Is very well known that last year, my Country was devastated by at least 4 terrible hurricanes that destroyed hospitals, schools, factories and thousands of houses. Cuba, as always, is working hard to recover from those natural disasters, maybe the most harmful in our history. In January of this year, we received in Cuba a delegation headed by the Deputy Minister for International Development, Mr. Haakon Gulbrandsen, that was invited to visit some of the most affected areas, and they could see the efforts our society is doing—in the conditions of a blockade Country- to solve, as soon as possible, the necessities of the people affected. They can tell you more about this, than your US mercenary friends in Havana or Miami. Don't worry Mr. Sanner, the capacity of my Country to recover from all kind of disasters is great: Cuba is not New Orleans!

3- In recognition to what my Country has done defending the essential rights of our people—and in many other parts of the world-, in 2006 Cuba was elected as a member of the Council of Human Rights, the highest body at UN for the promotion and protection of human rights, integrated by a select group of 47 Countries. In a secret voting, Cuba received one of the strongest support with 135 votes; it shows the prestige that Cuba has in this matter internationally. Your admired Bush's administration, at that time, could not even present its candidature to the newly-created Council, precisely because every body knew about its criminal methods of torture and terror. Mr. Sanner, you would have to be worried about this fact, not about Cuba.

Last 1<sup>st</sup> of January, we proudly celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Triumph of the Cuban Revolution, a historical and remarkable date, not only for Cubans. Around this celebration we have received in our Country many personalities. Only from Latin America, Cuba was visited by the Presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Uruguay and Venezuela. All of them came to Cuba to express their solidarity and respect to our Government and people that have resisted—and will continue to do it- for more than half a Century, the economical, political and military war—including all kind of terrorist actions- that 10 consecutive Presidents of the USA, have practiced against my Country, a real heroic deed that is an inspiration for many honest people in the world. Recently, we received also, the visit of 2 Ministers of Foreign Affairs from Countries of the European Union. Not even one of those high dignitaries from Latin America and Europe, has shown interest in your "political activists". They know very well who pays them and their real objective: Cuba to be again a colony of the USA, the "banana republic" that we were. Well, maybe that's what you want for Norway, but Cubans (not the US mercenaries), we know our history, we know very well what it means and we will never get back to that dark past, I can assure you it.

Sorry for you Mr. Sanner; you, the US mercenaries in Havana and Miami, and those that give you instructions, are becoming very, very lonely and shameful people.

  
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