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For Ms.
Roberta Metsola
President of the European Parliament

"Our House of Democracy will continue to stand up for our European values and for our Europe." Roberta Metsola

Dear President Metsola,

We are writing you this letter in order to inform you about an emerging problem and mistake.

We have learned that the pressure group "Free Cubans in Europe" (ASBL) are planning to hold their first "Summit" this May 19. And is being told that you offered them a "Co-Sponsorship of the European Parliament"!

We would like to enlighten you about the core character of that pressure group from Brussels. Despite their nice self-description this group is made up solely of Exile-Cubans and it supports the US-blockade and all the US-sanctions, and even interventions against Cuba. In all their activities they are sawing hatred against Cuba and have connections with terrorist groups in Miami. They are by in no way representing the Cuban people and the Cuba nation and culture. With their destructive activities, they work against Democracy and our European values!

To support such a group in any way, would not only contradiction the annual vote of the EU against the US-blockade at the General Assembly of the United Nations. It also would be a gross violation against the spirit and the good intentions of the "Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement" between the E.U. and Cuba.

We, the NETWORK CUBA with our 38 member-organizations in Germany have broad and deep contact into many parts and levels of Cuban society. And we work for decades in solidarity with and for a Cuban society which can develop freely from foreign intervention, pressure, attacks and subversion – mainly coming from its neighboring Superpower, the U.S.

We would like you to recognize that the U.S. blockade against Cuba is violating basic human rights of more than 11 million Cubans. The U.S. government still holds onto that brutal blockade, under Presidents Trump and Biden the many sanctions and subversion even have become increased and intensified. There are many ongoing media and diplomatic campaigns, supported in hidden ways by U.S. institutions, targeting on young Cuban, artists, intellectuals, students. Wikileaks documents can proof such crimes and criminal activities against Cuba. And at the same time the US has increased its application of extraterritorial laws through the application of Titles III and IV of the Helms-Burton-legislation which negatively affects hundreds of businesses, banks and even NGOs in European countries and across the globe.

It is our view that the European Union has an important role to play in developing positive relations with Cuba based on mutual respect and understanding between sovereign nations.

BASED ON ALL THOSE FACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS AND FOR ALL THESE IMPORTANT REASONS WE URGE YOU NOT TO SUPPORT THE PRESSURE GROUP "FREE CUBANS IN EUROPE" (ASBL).

Very sincerely yours,

Board of NETWORK CUBA GERMANY