



RESOLUTION

ON

SUPPORT FOR THE CANDIDACY OF OSWALDO PAYA FOR THE 2011 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

On behalf of the Christian Democratic Organization of America (ODCA), I wish to convey the decision of our organization to support the candidacy of Mr. Oswaldo Paya for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize, and to call upon the Executive Committee of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI) to issue a public statement endorsing the support of both our organizations in favour of his nomination.

For many years, both ODCA and CDI have supported the Varela project, a peaceful, Cuban initiative to promote change in Cuba ; we have worked together to obtain the liberation of political prisoners and respect for human rights in Cuba ; and we have maintained constant solidarity with political and social dissident groups pushing for a democratization process in the country. In view of this stance, it is logical to put forward the candidacy of Mr. Oswaldo Paya for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize, as this award not only recognizes the human qualities of this distinguished member of our political international, but also serves as a token of solidarity with all those struggling for freedom and human rights in Cuba.

On the moral strength of our Humanist and Christian principles, Oswaldo Paya has pursued a strategy of active peaceful resistance in order to promote dialogue and a transition towards democracy and complete respect for the rights of the human person.

Consequently, on behalf of ODCA, I call upon the members of the CDI Executive Committee, meeting in Brussels on June 24th, 2011, to renew our traditional and historic solidarity with the Cuban people and our commitment to human dignity by publicly endorsing the candidacy of Oswaldo Paya for the Nobel Peace Prize of 2011.