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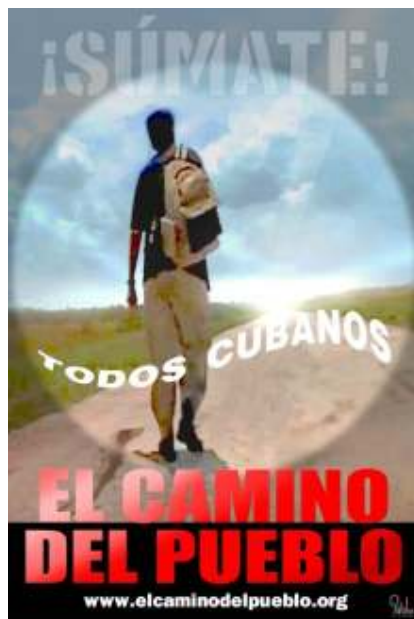
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We demand fair salaries and pensions, and that prices correspond to salaries, reducing the abysmal gap between the two. Cubans live a life sentenced to poverty and have no opportunity to overcome it. Low salaries, restrictions of all kinds, and disproportionate prices and taxes that are hidden by the double currency system and by the poverty that all Cubans endure, mean that the people end up subsidizing the government, its inefficiency and its privileged few, and not the other way around. This abuse must be overcome immediately.

To avoid corruption, the so-called "piñatas", privileges, abuses, advantages for those with economic and political power, the exclusion of the poor and less-informed majority, and the furthering widening of economic inequality, and to launch a new stage of integral and sustainable development, the deepest economic changes must take place only under the control of the citizens through democratic institutions. Cuba's natural resources, the labor of its people, and everything the people have created with love and effort throughout their history should not be privatized, subject to private investors, sold, or negotiated without the people's consent. But there cannot be consent if the people are not aware and informed and if there aren't mechanisms through which the people can decide sovereignly. For this reason, the profound changes that will achieve justice equality and benefits for all Cubans; integral development, environmental health, national independence, social justice, and improving the quality of life of the people must take place once Cubans, who best understand their own well-being, have all their rights guaranteed by law and can discuss and decide upon a national economic plan sovereignly through free elections. Cuba can't be auctioned off or cut into pieces like a pie. Cuba is the home and the source of wealth of all Cubans.

The free hiring of workers must be guaranteed, as well as their rights. Employers who rent out the Cuban labor force to foreign companies and then retain a large part of workers' earnings must be eliminated. The law must ensure the right of all Cubans to establish private businesses and to hire workers, while respecting all of their rights.

We call on all governments, union of states, international organizations, businesspeople, churches, and opinion leaders to be transparent in their discussions, negotiations, and agreements with the Cuban government. They should do so before the people and in dialogue with the Cuban democratic opposition and other sectors of civil society if they wish to support peaceful changes and not to support the exclusions and injustices that ultimately harm Cuba.

FINAL MESSAGE

Among those of us who fight peacefully for democracy in Cuba, there is much diversity of ideas and proposals. This document contains our common foundation, our shared position and determination to defend the legitimate interests and rights of the Cuban people. We call on the governments, institutions and peoples of the Americas, Europe and the rest of the world to support and acknowledge this common agreement of the Cuban democratic movement if they wish to support the Cuban people and our right to self-determination. Our love for Cuba unites us, as does our goal of attaining full rights, freedom, reconciliation, peace and true democracy for all Cubans so we the people can exercise our sovereignty and determine our projects, changes and future.

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We Cubans have the right to rights. Let's pave the path of the people



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In Cuba, July 13, 2011.

Dear Cubans and friends from around the world:

Full of hope we present this document will now be open to do so to sign him and all who identify with its contents. The limitations of mobility and communication that is imposed and repression, have not allowed us to reach all our brothers in the struggle for trying, so we decided to go public before it is aborted. We believe that the document expresses the views of many members of the Cuban democratic movement, also called opposition or dissent and the majority of Cubans, who now identify as their own. We introduce: THE PATH OF THE PEOPLE

WE WILL PROMOTE

A plebiscite, so the people can decide on changes in a sovereign manner. The demand for legal reforms and for all projects and peaceful initiatives designed to consolidate democracy, rights, freedom, reconciliation and sovereign will. Citizen participation in this path of change by demanding their rights and through respectful and open dialogue.

We present:

THE PATH OF THE PEOPLE

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VISION

It is up to only us Cubans to define and decide on the changes our society needs and to accomplish our national project. Yet, for our citizens to truly design, decide and build their future, their rights must be guaranteed by the law and a trustful and respectful environment must be attained. Only by doing so will we engage in a genuine national dialogue and launch an inclusive process of legal reform to preserve the advances the people have achieved and to exercise the people's sovereign right to change that which the people decide to change.

BASIC PROPOSAL

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STEPS TO CHANGE

Create a National Commission composed of government officials, members of the democratic opposition and representatives of other relevant civil society actors including unions, churches and fraternal groups, to guarantee equal access opportunity to mass media outlets for all Cuban individuals, civic and political groups, churches, fraternal groups, social organizations and citizen groups to share their opinions and ideas. Free access to the internet and to national and international news from any medium must be guaranteed for all citizens.

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Decriminalizing Opinion: The Penal Code and other laws must be reformed so freedom of speech and other civil rights are guaranteed. All methods of surveillance, profiling and repression against private citizens must be prohibited.

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