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DIRECTORIO AND THE INTERNAL RESISTANCE RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGE OF RAUL CASTRO

DICTATOR RAÚL CASTRO: HERE IS THE PARTIAL AUTHORIZED LIST OF CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

**Cuban Democratic Directorate, working with the Internal Resistance,
releases partial authorized list of Cuban political prisoners**

Miami, Florida- March 22nd, 2016- Directorio Democrático Cubano. Before the challenge made by the international press on Cuban political prisoners today at the press conference held with President Barack Obama in Havana, the Dictator Raul Castro demanded that a list of political prisoners be submitted for him to proceed to release them this same night.

The Cuban Democratic Directorate, affirms that the Castro dictatorship knows best who are the Cubans imprisoned for political motives, because it is the dictatorship that has jailed them, being the only ones who truly know the precise numbers of political prisoners in Cuba.

However, faced with this challenge presented ironically before international public opinion by the dictator Raul Castro, the Directorate, working with the internal resistance, seriously responds to the dictatorship with this partial authorized list of Cubans currently serving lengthy prison sentences for political reasons on the island.

Amnesty International defines as a political prisoner: "any prisoner whose case has a significant political element: whether the motivation of the prisoner's acts, the acts themselves, or the motivation of the authorities". We are convinced that there are possibly thousands of Cubans, incarcerated under the dangerousness law, who fit this definition.

According to this authorized partial list, 51 Cubans currently imprisoned fit this definition. To reach a truly comprehensive list, we challenge the Castro dictatorship to allow a fact-finding visit of the International Red Cross to Cuban prisons, a process that the Castro dictatorship has not permitted to take place since 1989.

The release promised by the dictator Raul Castro should occur tonight.

This statement is being sent electronically to the press and relevant agencies of the United States government.

**Preliminary list of political prisoners –Cuban Democratic Directorate-
March 21st, 2016**

A.

1. Yasiel Espino Aceval/ Serving 4 years/ Ariza Prison

2. Alexander Palacio Reyes/ Cerámica Roja Prison

3. Alexis Serrano Avila/Serving 3 years in prison

4. Andrés Fidel Alfonso Rodríguez/ Melena Sur prison

B.

5. Ernesto Borges Pérez/ Combinado del Este prison

C.

6. Carlos Amaury Calderin Roca/ Valle Grande prison

7. Maria del Carmen Cala Aguilera/Pending/Provincial Women's Prison, Holguín

Province

8. Enrique Bartolomé Cambria Diaz/ Kilo 8 prison

9. Misael Canet Velázquez/ Kilo 8 prison

10. Santiago Cisneros Castellanos/Pending/Aguadores prison

11. Leonardo Cobas Pérez/ Moscú prison

12. Felipe Martin Companione/Cerámica Roja prison
Serving 8 years in prison

13. Orlando Contreras Aguiar/Aguacate prison

14. Yeri Curbelo Aguilera/Serving 3 years prison
Guantanamo Prison

D.

15. Pedro de la Caridad Alvarez Pedroso

16. Jordys Manuel Dosil/Serving 3 years prison
1580 Prison

F.

17. Carlos Manuel Figueroa Álvarez/ Combinado del Este Prison/ Serving 6
years's sentence in prison

18. David Fernández Cardoso/Bungo Ocho Prison

G.

19. José Daniel Gonzalez Fumero/ Nieves Morejón Prison

20. Ricardo González Sendiña/serving 6 years/Combinado del Este

21. Ariel González Sendiña/ serving 6 years /Combinado del Este

H.

22. Eglis Heredia Rodríguez/ Boniato Prison

23. Mario Alberto Hernández Leiva/ Melena del Sur prison
Serving 3 years in prison

I.

24. Geovanys Izaguirre Hernández/ Aguadores Prison

J.

25. Rolando Erismelio Jaco García/ Cerámica Roja Prison

26. Javier Jouz Varona/Sentence for Social Dangerousness/ Serving 3 years

L.

27. Isain López Luna/ Valle Grande Prison

28. Noel López Gonzalez/ Serving 12 years in prison

M.

29. Michael Mediaceja Ramos/Serving 6 months / Guanajay prison

30. Osmaní Mendoza Ferrior/ Las Mangas prison

31. Mario Morera Jardines/Serving 3 years/ Guamajal prison

O.

32. Ernesto Ortega Sarduy/ Valle Grande prison

P.

33. Alexander Palacio Reyes/ Cerámica Roja prison

34. Ricardo Pelier Frómeta/Serving 3 years/ Combinado de Guantanamo prison

35. Fernando Isael Peña Tamayo/ Serving 5 years / El Típico prison

36. Silverio Portal Contreras/ Campamento Ochimán prison

R.

37. Humberto Eladio Real Suarez

38. René Rouco Machin/ Melena del Sur prison

39. Laudelino Rodriguez Mendoza/ Granjita prison, Santiago de Cuba

40. Leoncio Rodriguez Poncio/Serving 42 years and has served 28 years in prison / Guantanamo Prison

41. Alfredo Luis Limonte Rodriguez/Serving 4 years / Ariza Prison

42. Elieski Roque Chongo/ Serving 5 years / Ariza Prison

43. Alexander Alan Rodríguez/ Pending Sentence / Valle Grande Prison

44. Reinier Rodríguez Mendoza/ Serving 2 years / San José Prison

45. Mario Ronaide Figueroa Reyes/ Serving 3 years / Prision 1580

46. Yoelkis Rozábal Flores/ Serving 4 years / Combinado de Guantánamo prison

S.

47. Daniel Santovenia Fernandez

48. Emilio Serrano Rodríguez/ Valle Grande Prison

49. Armando Sosa Fortuny/ Camaguey Prison

T.

U.

50. Liusban John Ultra/Serving 7 years/ Jailed in the Province of Las Tunas/ La Granjita Prison

V.

51. Armado Verdecía Díaz/ Serving 5 years

Malverde Prison

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