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President Miguel Díaz-Canel

c/o. Botschaft der Republik Kuba

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**Roberto Quiñones Haces**

Dear Mr. President,

63-year-old lawyer and journalist *Roberto Quiñones Haces* was convicted of resistance and disobedience and sentenced to one year in prison in August 2019. On 11 September 2019, he was arrested in Cienfuegos and has been in prison ever since.

He is a prisoner of conscience and must be immediately and unconditionally released, as he was convicted solely for exercising his freedom of expression.

*Roberto Quiñones Haces* has health conditions that put him at increased risk from COVID-19. He is al­legedly held in a small cell with at least seventeen other individuals, sharing beds and sanitary facilities in the same cell.

I kindly ask you to immediately and unconditionally release *Roberto Quiñones Haces*, as he is a prisoner of conscience convicted solely for the peaceful exercise of his freedom of expression and is at risk of catching COVID-19. Furthermore, I call on you to immediately release of all prisoners of conscience and consider early or conditional release of prisoners who are especially at risk of COVID-19, such as older prisoners, those with serious medical conditions, or weakened immune systems.

Kind regards