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Four Points of Consensus of the Cuban Civil Society Open Forum

1. Unconditional release of all political prisoners identified by legal experts in accordance with international norms, including those who are serving conditional sentences, thereby ending political imprisonment in Cuba. An end to institutional and police abuse against the Cuban people as well as political repression, which are often violent actions against a peaceful human rights and pro-democracy movement.
 2. Respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international agreements already ratified by the Cuban government. Ratification, without reservation, the International Human Rights agreements, the International Labor Organization Conventions on labor and union rights, and the 1996 agreements of the Viña del Mar Summit on democratic governability.
 2. Respetar la Declaración Universal de los Derechos Humanos y otros compromisos internacionales ya ratificados por el gobierno de Cuba. Ratificar – sin reservas- los Pactos Internacionales de Derechos Humanos, así como el cumplimiento de los Convenios de la Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT) sobre derechos laborales y sindicales y los acuerdos de la Cumbre de Viña del Mar en 1996 sobre gobernabilidad democrática.
 3. Recognition of a legitimate and independent Cuban civil society inside the island and in the diaspora that is a valid interlocutor.
 4. The pluralistic nature of Cuban society imposes the necessity to carry out a constitutional and legal reform that allows for the creation of spaces to guarantee the exercise of political pluralism, the base for free, democratic and competitive elections.
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