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Ref.: Gerardo Hernández, #58739-004; Fernando González (aka Ruben Campa), #58733-004; René González, #58738-004, Ramon Labañino (aka Luis Medina) #58734-004, and Antonio Guerrero, #58741-004, collectively known as the Cuban Five.

Dear Sir,

we urge you to

- a.) reverse the restrictions imposed on Cuban consular officials, in their visits to Cuban prisoners, noting that there is reason to believe such restrictions are directed against the above mentioned Cuban Five.
- b.) grant entry rights to: Olga Salanueva, wife of René González, reg.#58738-004, who is currently in F.C.I. Edgefield, South Carolina, and to Adriana Pérez, wife of Gerardo Hernández reg.#58739-004, who is currently in U.S.P Lompoc, California. These women should be able to visit their husbands in the U.S.

People around the world are aware of their cases and a growing movement is demanding justice for these Cuban prisoners in the U.S. and visitation rights for their loved ones. Please, reverse your decisions seeming to us like protection of terrorism in your homeland especially of those organizations based in Miami. These decisions are flagrant violations of international law; specifically, the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, which clearly establishes in various of its articles facilities that should be granted by governments for unhindered access by diplomatic missions to nationals imprisoned in the country in question.

Furthermore we urge you to take the necessary steps to ensure that these prisoners maintain contact with their families.

Sincerely,

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Referring to the Appeal of German Lawyers, Berlin and Bremen, in December 2002, signed by

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Rechtsanwalt Wolfgang Kaleck, Vorsitzender des RAV

Horst Schmitthenner, ehem. Mitglied des Bundesvorstandes der IGMetall, Internationale Liga für Menschenrechte, Berlin