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Secretary Janet Napolitano
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Berlin, March 8, 2010
International Women's Day 2010

Dear Secretary,

**Re: This year's International Women's Day;
Denial of Visas to *Adriana Pérez O'Connor* (wife of *Gerardo Hernández Nordelo*) and *Olga Salanueva Arango* (wife of *René González Schwerert*),
both husbands being two of the so-called „Cuban Five“ or „Miami Five“,
granting multiple visas to all members of the families of the Five**

to your information you receive with this the copy of a letter which we sent today to the First Lady Michelle Obama.

We take the opportunity to call on you to overturn the decision that *Olga Salanueva* is permanently ineligible for a visa and urge you to grant her as soon as possible a temporary visa on humanitarian grounds so that she may visit her husband in prison in the USA. On December 18, 2009 she was denied humanitarian parole; in July, 2008 she had been – not only in our opinion illegitimately – classified as „permanently ineligible“.

You should take into consideration that by denying temporary visas for visitation purposes the USA are imposing unnecessary punishment on a prisoner beyond the constraints of his imprisonment, in contravention of international human rights standards.

Last but not least, we note that the members of the families of all five prisoners (the so-called „Cuban Five“ or „Miami Five“) have experienced considerable delays in being granted visas to the USA and we urge that in future such visas are granted to them without undue delay and in the form of multiple visas.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,
By order

(Günter Belchaus)

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