

"We demand a humanist and sovereign Republic"



- To the members of the civil Cuban society
- To the opposition that has met with the American politicians that visited Cuba
- To those that will meet with Undersecretary Roberta Jacobson:

First, I wish to congratulate you for having the opportunity to be part of a historic process, for bringing a different vision to the reality in Cuba, and for giving a voice to people and groups that also have a right to exist and to be respected.

Now, **in the life of a Nation there are few moments that offer the opportunity to move the building blocks of a society so they may open spaces to redefine ideas and practices that define that Nation.** In these circumstances, a tactical error may produce twenty to thirty years of policies which will be difficult to change.

#YoTambienExijo celebrates that the Cuban opposition is not a uniform group and that everyone may have their own positions. But, we have to acknowledge the historic possibility that they have been handed at this point.

Now is the time and the moment for everyone together to demand that they be given a seat at the same table with the Cuban government to discuss directly with them, face to face, our demands as Cuban citizens. A Dialogue Table among Cubans would demonstrate the strength of the civil society; would allow to truthfully represent the persons affiliated with such organizations; acquire real political power and eliminate the criminalization of critical opinion. It would demonstrate that civil society has reached its maturity and does not need to be spoken for.

#YoTambienExijo thanks all those that have offered themselves to listen to another version of the reality in Cuba -that has been important- but we do not accept that no one speaks or decides for the Cuban people.

The humanist Republic that we merit needs participation, consensus and real power of decision for Cubans.

Un abrazo,

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