

CUBA: EPP ASKS FOR PEACEFUL ♦ REVOLUTION ♦ TO A DEMOCRATIC RULE

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Antonio López-Istúriz, Secretary General of the European People's Party (EPP) and Executive Secretary of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI), said today that the resignation of **Fidel Castro**, President of Cuba, *"is good news but not sufficient...after five decades of dictatorship the Cuban people deserve a true, this time peaceful, revolution that gives way to a democratic rule."*

"This resignation does not mean anything however if power is maintained within the Castro family or close circle. The new regime should not be simply a shift from one dictatorship to another: it must call free elections, give freedom of conscience to political prisoners, and create the social and economic conditions necessary for the country to develop," stated López-Istúriz.

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