

## EPP CONDEMNS CUBAN EXPULSIONS OF SEVERAL MP'S

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The European People's Party Secretary General Antonio Lopez-Isturiz has condemned today the expulsions from Cuba of Czech senator Karel Schwarsenberg and German deputy Arnold Vaatz, as well as the refusal of entry in this country of two Polish Members of the EPP-ED Group, Mr Boguslaw Sonik and Mr Jacek Protasiewicz.

*“No way of liberty or democratic representation is welcome by the dictator Fidel Castro. He is not only happy repressing any democratic movement on the island but he seems to feel rather uncomfortable with the presence in the country of democratic representatives freely elected by the people of other countries”,* said Antonio Lopez-Isturiz, who is

also an MEP of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament.

The EPP Secretary General made this statement in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), where a meeting of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI) approved a Resolution *“for liberty and against tyranny in Cuba”*.

This text was approved by representatives of more than 50 political parties from all over the world who gathered in Rio de Janeiro on the 19th and 20th of May.

In this Resolution, the CDI urges the European Union to echo the real deterioration of the situation in Cuba, which was not only evident during the last weeks, particularly against the Cuban youth, but also with the expulsions produced during these last days.

*“The European Union cannot be blind before these events, especially when members of European democracies, who are personally involved in the defense of Human Rights and liberties of the Cuban people, are subject to the hate and despise of democracy by the Cuban dictator”,* said Lopez-Isturiz.

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