The Lawton Foundation for Human Rigths

Purpose and Objectives

The

foundation was founded in 1997 in

Havana, Cuba, as a

non-governmental

humanitarian and peaceful

organization

based upon the

Universal Declaration of Human

Rights. The

Lawton Foundation for

Human Rights promotes the study,

defense, and denunciation of human

rights violations inside Cuba and

wherever the rights and liberties of

human beings are disregarded. Its

members' main objective is to

establish a Cuban state based

on the

rule of law. The groundwork for

their defense of all

human rights is

based upon the first human right:

the right to

life, without which all

other liberties would be

invalidated.

Despite the risk to

their personal safety, members are

fully

and actively committed to

spreading their ideals inside Cuba.

They are censured, mistreated physically and psychologically, and

blackmai	led. In add	dition, th	ney are a	arbitrari	ly inca	arcerated l	oy Cuban	authoritie	s for
defen	ding their	principl	es in the	same	prison	as commo	on crimina	als .	

Declaration of Principles of Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet

- 1. We demand the unconditional freedom of the people of Cuba under a multiparty system of government democratically elected at all levels and with complete guarantee of freedom of expression for all, including the government's detachment from the country's media.
- 2. The repeal of the illegitimate communist constitution of 1976 and the establishment of a Sovereign Constitutional Assembly to draw amendments to the Democratic Constitution of 1940, including the absolute adhesion to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations and the abolition of the death penalty. These amendments should be ratified by the elected representatives.
- 3. The establishment of a state based on the rule of law that will guarantee equality to all citizens before the law, without discrimination based on race, sex, ethnic group, or religious beliefs and which will end the system of oppression and apartheid established under the communist regime.
- 4. The dissolution of all political, propagandistic, and repressive organizations created by the communist regime since January, 1959, with a renewed emphasis on the development of independent civic institutions that will forge democracy for the new society.
- 5. Unconditional and immediate amnesty for all political prisoners.

- 6. Free access to Cubans and their children, who live outside the country, to enter and cave the country at will, and enjoy the same citizenship rights as those who live inside the Country.
- 7. The commitment to fund a first-rate free educational system, without political orientation as well as a basic health system that can be afforded by the poorest ones.
- 8. The recognition of private property and free enterprise as the main pillars for boosting the country's well-being along with a guarantee to workers of their right to organize independent labor unions that will promote their collective interests.
- 9. The restructuring of the armed forces and ensuring its strict separation from the economic and political activities and responsibilities of the country.
- 10. Once democracy has been established, lobby for the lifting of the United States commercial embargo and for the opening to foreign economic aid until Cuba can establish a basis for its economic recovery.