

**MESSAGE FROM DR. OSCAR ELÍAS BISCET TO THE LAWTON FOUNDATION FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS DIRECTLY FROM THE COMBINADO DEL ESTE PRISON IN HAVANA,
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[Dr. Biscet's telephone conversation with the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights]

Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet: What we want is the promotion of fasting, praying to the Lord and demanding from the government to sign the international laws of the civil, political, economic and cultural, and social human rights and that they sign them and put them into practice. And they cannot make any objections to any of the clauses of the international, civil and political laws. We cannot allow them to object to these civil and political laws because these are the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human being. If they make any objection, we are not going to agree with them and we have to demand it. [...]

I state that the Cuban people should show civil disobedience, by showing daily direct action until we reach our freedom. The Cuban people cannot believe this tyrannical direction that the country has, and until we reach freedom, until we reach all these rights, the Cuban people can gather, express themselves, speak, have freedom of press, have all rights of association, of gathering, of religion, of expression, we cannot stop our complaints by showing a non violent civil battle, non violent in direct method and action. [.....]

The international community has to take sides with the Cuban people, the international community cannot continue supporting a tyrannical regime that oppresses its people and takes away its fundamental rights. It takes away its rights to live in freedom, in peace, and well- being.

I believe that all the democratic countries and governments of the world have to support us, those who are seeking the rights for our people, seeking harmony in the country so that the country would be a democratic and free country where all people would be able to participate and it is the duty of everyone who lives in freedom to give us their support. For this reason, we ask the democratic and free governments to support us in this endeavor so that we can acquire these rights. [.....]

Note: *This translation to Spanish has been done from a transcription of the original voice of Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet in a three way family regulation call.*