## Message from Dr. Biscet to the People of Cuba and the International Community February 26, 2008

Fidel Castro has abandoned power. He should have done it 20 years ago when Mijail Gorbachov traveled to the island. He wisely recommended that. It would have eliminated many years of misery, lack of freedom, and cruel suffering of the Cuban people under his prolonged, unnecessary and mismanaged office.

His brother Raul inherited his office and his communist party which maintains a one party totalitarian system with the only difference being that of applying more state terror on the population during his short term in office.

The Cuban people and the leaders of the opposition movement need to fast and pray to the God of the Bible and demand from the national government that it sign and comply with the International Agreements on Human, Civil, Political, Cultural, and Social Rights.

Thanks to the support of the Cuban community in exile and to the governments and free and democratic countries, after one year and 5 months of pressure, the regime in Havana promised to comply with these objectives which have yet to come to pass. When the aforementioned demands are met and the following liberties are granted:

- 1. Liberation of all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience without deportation.
- 2. Participation in the political and economical affairs of the nation with the same rights as any other Cuban, including exiles without exception.
- 3. Permission to legalize different political parties according to the interests of the people.
- 4. Revocation of the constitution and of the absolute power of the communist party over society.
- 5. Commitment to carry out free and democratic elections.

then would we be able to say that the period of democratic transition in Cuba has begun.

Gorbachov in the former Soviet Union, Pinochet in Chile, and Decler in South Africa had the courage and pragmatism to initiate democratic reforms. It is the desire of the Cuban people to live in peace, well being, and happiness, and freedom.

The present government should set reforms in motion destined to meet these objectives and its citizens must continue their pursuit by means of civil disobedience.

"Woe to those who enact on just statutes and who write oppressive decrees, depriving the needy of judgment and robbing my people's poor of their rights, making widows their plunder and orphans their prey! What will you do on the day of punishment, when ruin comes from afar? To whom will you flee for help? Where will you leave your wealth, lest it sink beneath the captive or fall beneath the slain? For all this, his wrath is not turned back, his hand is still outstretched!" Isaiah 10:1-4.

## Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet

President of the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights

www.fundacionlawton.com

www.lawtonfoundation.com

Email: lawtonfoundation@lawtonfoundation.com

This message was sent by Dr. Biscet to his wife, Elsa Morejon, from the prison Combinado del Este in Havana, Cuba, where he is incarcerated, on February 26, 2008.