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Driebergen,

Dear President Díaz-Canel,

I write to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Donaida Pérez Paseiro and Loreto Hernández García, leaders of the Yoruba religion in Cuba.

Paseiro and García were sentenced to 8 and 7 years in prison, respectively, following their peaceful participation in demonstrations in 2021. They were imprisoned following an unfair trial, lacking in evidence. The judgement repeatedly refers to the protesters' political opposition to the government, which should have no bearing in a criminal case.

Loreto's health is fragile, and the authorities must take all necessary measures to provide him with adequate medical care.

I call on the Cuban authorities to release Garcia and Paseiro immediately and unconditionally and to provide them with compensation for the violation of their human rights.

Yours sincerely,

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