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CUBAN OPPOSITION ORGANIZATIONS

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Name: Arco Progresista (Progressive

Coalition).

Founded: March 2003.

Founded by: Corriente Socialista Democrática Cubana, Coordinadora Social Demócrata de Cuba, Movimiento Cubano por la Democracia, Movimiento Juvenil Socialista Democrático, Mujeres de Izquierda Democrática and Partido del Pueblo.

Description: An amalgamation of social-democrat organizations, it comprises groups based in Cuba and abroad. It has followed-up many of the proposals put forward by the Moderate Opposition's Round Table for Reflection by the Cuban Social Democratic Current, namely the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Cuban People. Also, it has founded social democrat clubs aiming at opening new spaces for unrestricted assembly, interaction and social and cultural exchange, as well as spreading the social democrat credo.

Name: Asamblea para Promover la Sociedad Civil en Cuba (Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba)

Founded: March 2002

Founded by: "Manuel Sánchez Herrero"

Cuban Institute of Independent

Economists

Objectives: To reinstate civil society; to achieve democracy; to educate the citizenry in the principles of democracy through a hands-on public persuasion

approach and the exchange of ideas; to build and articulate a nonviolent civil struggle movement; to build on a selfrenewing pluralist and participative democratic process; to produce status reports on the progress of its members' work, as contribution to the social transformation effort; to promote research and projects that encourage citizens' active involvement in dissident groups' nonviolent activities; to become a vehicle of assistance and support for all civil society organizations, rallying the ranks to oppose any action taken against any of them; to design common strategies to carry out the objectives of the Assembly's commitment to action, avoiding the expression of any particular political allegiance.

Description: Unlike All United, it does not deem it possible to achieve democratic change in Cuba through the current Constitution and government legislation.

Membership: 260 organisations
Web site: http://www.cubaicei.org/
Additional information: During the crackdown on political dissidence in the spring of 2003, founding leader Martha Beatriz Roque received a 20-year prison sentence, only to be released on July 22, 2004 due to health concerns.

Name: Todos Unidos (All United)
Founded: November 1999
Founded by: Christian Liberation
Movement / Movimiento Cristiano
Liberación and Partido Socialdemócrata
de Cuba.

Description: A united front, made up of internal opposition groups, signatory of the Varela Project—a petition to bring about democratic changes through a referendum based on the Communist Party Constitution. Although All United emerged as an assemblage of

organizations supporting the Varela Project, in the wake of Orlando Paya's proposal on a Transitional Government (December 15, 2003) and the Revised Plan for its own 36 Proposals (February 2004), this coalition has decided to prioritize its own project while maintaining its endorsement of the Varela Project.

Initiatives: On December 17, 2002, it released a package of 36 proposals seeking a solution to the current Cuban crisis. On February 2004, it revealed a Revised Plan for the implementation of the above 36 proposals.

[See, Propuesta de medidas para salir de la crisis and, Plan revisado]

Membership: 160 organisations

Web sites: http://pscuba.org/;

www.mclpaya.org;

www.proyectovarela.org

Name: Convergencia Liberal Cubana

(Cuban Liberal Assembly). **Founded:** July 21, 2003.

Founded by: Partido Solidaridad Democrática (PDS), Partido Liberal Democrático de Cuba (PLDC) and Movimiento Liberal Cubano (MLC). Description: An alliance of liberal-leaning organizations working toward their future amalgamation under a single liberal party's banner

Objectives: It seeks to turn Cuba into a modern and democratic State, developed on both the social and economic fronts and observant of the rule of law. It is pressing for the release of all prisoners of conscience and the elimination of prevailing discriminatory attitudes that in practice reduce the status of Cubans to that of second-class citizens, in their own country. Initiatives: It has published several documents and interviews to their leaders, wherein its main goals and actions are discussed.

[See, Manifiesto Liberal de La Habana, July 21, 2003]

Nombre: Frente de Unidad Nacional

(National Unity Front). **Founded:** December 2003.

Leadership: Evaristo Pérez Rodríguez, national coordinator; Abel Ferrán Marañon, vice general coordinator; and Magnolia Marrero Peraza, organization.

Description: Its program is comprised of 17 objectives among which the following stand out: non-violent struggle against the Cuban government; the unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience; free and democratic elections; the abolishment of capital punishment; and Fidel Castro's removal from power.

Membership: 34 organizations.

Name: Consejo Nacional de Resistencia Cívica, CNRC (National Council for Civil Resistance).

Objectives: To achieve a democratic transition in Cuba through civil action and demand freedom for all prisoners of conscience.

Membership: Movimiento Alternativa Republicana, Libertad Democrática, Hermanos Fraternales, Rescate por la Libertad y la Democracia, Municipios de Cuba de Derechos Humanos, Agenda Nacionalista, Unidad Nacional Cubana and Movimiento "6 de Enero".

Location: Calle 22 no.1910, entre 19 y 21, Pedro Betancourt, Matanzas.

Political and Human Rights Parties and Organizations

Name: Agenda Nacionalista (Nationalist

Agenda)

Founded: December 24, 1986

Objectives: The non-violent civil rights struggle for the implementation of all 30

articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Membership: 30 members

Location: Manuel de la Peña no. 11606, entre San Francisco y Milagros, Lawton, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana. Domestic affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Nombre: Alianza por la Libertad y la Democracia en Cuba (Alliance for Freedom and Democracy in Cuba).

Leadership: Diolexis Rodríguez

Hurtado.

Location: Estrada Palma, edificio 6, apt.1 Reparto América Latina, Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

Name: Asociación Cristiana por la Libertad (Christian Association for Liberty)

Founded: 1995

Objectives: To promote human rights and Christian reflection in society at large.

Membership: 90 members

Location: Carretera de Tarará a Barreras no. 6, Tarará, Habana del Este, Ciudad de La Habana

Name: Asociación de Balseros Paz, Democracia y Libertad del Centro Norte de Cuba (Peace, Democracy and Freedom "Raftpeople" Association of Northern Central Cuba)

Leadership: Margarito Broche Espinosa **Objectives:** Concerned with organizing tribute events for "raftpeople" perished at sea and monitoring the Cuban government's human rights record

Membership: 58 members

Location: Avenida 39 no. 1603, entre 16

y 18, Caibarién, Villa Clara **Telephone:** (53-42) 34381;

(53-42) 351468

Domestic Affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Margarito Broche Espinosa was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and has been considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. He was released on November 29, 2004.

Name: Asociación de Opositores Independientes y Democráticos "Hijos de la Virgen de Regla" (Independent and Democratic Oppositionists Association "Sons of the Virgin of Regla") Leadership: Benito Salas Moliño. Location: Regla, Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Asociación de Presos Políticos "Pedro Luis Boitel" ("Pedro Luis Boitel"

Political Prisoners' Association **Foundation:** May 8, 2002

Leadership: Yolanda Triana is the organization's acting president.

Objectives: to promote human rights, assist prisoners of conscience as well as political prisoners, and achieve democratic change.

Membership: 75 members

Location: Sofía no.330, entre Carlos y María Luisa, Párraga, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana.

Additional information: Yolanda became the organization's new leader following the imprisonment of then-president Orlando Fundora Álvarez, who received an 18-year sentence in the wake of the political repression of early 2003. According to Amnesty International, Fundora Álvarez qualifies as a prisoner of conscience. Fundora Alvarez was released from prison on June 18, 2004.

Name: Asociación de Veteranos Independientes de Cuba por la Paz,

"AVIPAZ" (Association of Independent Cuban Veterans for Peace, "AVIPAZ"). **Location:** La Rosa no. 503, apt. 6, entre Ayestarán y Ayuntamiento, Plaza, Ciudad de La Habana

National affiliation: Humberto Mones signed All United; Manuel Víctor Rodríguez Rodríguez endorsed the Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Asociación Defensora de los Derechos Políticos, ADEPO (Association for the Protection of Political Rights).

Foundation: December 10, 1991 **Leadership:** Arnulfo Neris Antigua

Objectives: To preserve the citizen's civil and political human rights. **Membership:** 10 members.

Location: Avenida 25 no. 11606, entre 116 y 118, Reparto Zamora, Marianao,

Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (7) 2605878 (Olga Rita). **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Asociación Foro por la Reforma

(National Reform Forum). **Foundation:** April 1996.

Leadership: Víctor R. Arroyo Carmona. **Objectives:** To achieve nonviolent political change in Cuba and create ties

with the Cuban Exile. **Membership:** 100 members

Location: Adela Azcuy no. 10, entre Primero de Mayo y Gerardo Medina,

Pinar del Río

Telephone: (53-82) 4241

National Affiliation: All United.

Additional information: Víctor R. Arroyo Carmona was given a 26-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Asociación Humanitaria "Seguidores de Cristo Rey" ("Followers of Christ, the King" Humanitarian Association)

Foundation: November 1991

Leadership: Isabel del Pino Sotolongo **Objectives:** to salvage social values and assist in national reconciliation; to help the ill, the elderly, and those in prison. **Location:** San Rafael no. 576, apt. 5, entre Gervasio y Escobar, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 863 4000 (Elsa García, Vice President)

Name: Asociación Independiente "Patria y Libertad" ("Homeland and Freedom" Independent Association). Leadership: Angel D. Machado National Affiliation: All United.

Name: Asociación por la Reconciliación Nacional y el Rescate de los Valores Humanos ARRVALHU (Association for National Reconciliation and the Rescue of Human Values). Foundation: June 10, 1994. Leadership: Julia Cecilia Delgado González.

Objectives: To preserve human values and ensure the observance of all 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Membership: 34 members. Location: 20 de Mayo no. 531, apt.

B14, entre Línea y Marta Abreu, Cerro,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 784010 (Reinaldo Hernández, Vice President).

Name: Asociación Pro Democracia Constitucional (Association for Constitutional Democracy). Name: Asociación Pro-Justicia Social (Association for Social Justice).
Leadership: Marcos González.

Location: Regla, Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Buró de Información Cívico "6 de Enero" (Civic Information Bureau "January 6th")

Foundation: June 1st, 2001

Leadership: Bárbaro Antonio Vela Objectives: to report on Cuban events and breach state-sponsored censorship. Location: Calle Universidad no. 253, entre Cruz del Padre y Nueva del Pilar, Habana Vieja, Ciudad de La Habana National Assembly: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Name: Buró de Información Comisión Cubana de Presos y Ex Presos Políticos (Information Bureau of the Cuban Commission for Current and Former Political Prisoners).

Foundation: February 15, 2001. **Leadership:** Nancy Isabel Villalba Crespo.

Objectives: To seek out relevant information on Cuban society, particularly regarding human rights violations.

Location: Malvina no. 54, entre José Miguel y Lindero, Reparto Fraternidad, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de la Habana.

Name: Casa del Preso Político (Political Prisoners' Club) (Holguín).

Location: Calle Gonzalo Valdés no.57, Reparto Loma de la Cruz, Holguín.

Name: Casa del Preso Político (Political Prisoners' Club) (Arroyo Naranjo). Leadership: Antonio Díaz Quintanal. Location: Calle Santa Clara no.6, entre Narciso López y Pinar del Río, Reparto La Esperanza, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Casa del Preso Político (Political Prisoners' Club) (Habana Vieja). Leadership: María López Vela Location: Calle Florida no.168, entre Vives y Puerta Cerrada, Habana Vieja, Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Casa del Preso Político (Political Prisoners' Club) (Camagüey). Leadership: José Agramonte Leyva Location: Tristán 22, Reparto Salomé,

Camagüey.

Name: Casa del Preso Político (Political Prisoners' Club) (Pinar del Río). Leadership: Adel Soto Álvarez. Location: Calle Rafael Ferro no. 486, Pinar del Río.

Name: Casa del Preso Político (Political Prisoners' Club) (Ciego de Avila). Location: Calle Cepero Pino no.31, entre Bélgica y Carretera de Ciego de Avila, Ciego de Avila.

Name: Casa del Preso Político (Political Prisoners' Club) (Morón). Leadership: Jesús Álvarez.

Name: Casa del Preso Político (Political Prisoners' Club) (Bayamo).

Leadership: Damaris Santana Aguilera. **Location:** Calle 31 no. 224, entre 22 y 18, Reparto Rosa la Bayamesa, Bayamo, Granma.

Name: Centro Cívico Comunitario "Plaza de Marte" (Community Civic Center "Plaza de Marte".

Foundation: February 28, 2002. **Leadership:** José Gabriel Ramón

Castillo.

Location: Calle Bayamo no. 119, Esquina a Plácido, Santiago de Cuba. Additional information: José Gabriel Ramón Castillo was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Centro de Actividades para la Democracia (Center of Activities for Democracy)

Exile Community affiliation: Movimiento Democrático 30 de Noviembre "Frank País" (November 30th "Frank País" Democratic Movement)

Name: Centro de Información sobre Democracia (Resource Center on Democracy)

Foundation: April 2000

Leadership: Mercedes Clementina

Constantín Figueroa

Objectives: to circulate, both locally and abroad, news on human rights violations in Cuba.

Membership: 12 members

Location: Calle C no. 8216, entre 2da y 3ra, Reparto Dolores, San Miguel del

Padrón, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 912303

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Name: Centro Independiente de Derechos Humanos Libertad, Justicia y Paz (Human Rights, Justice, Liberty and Peace Independent Center)

Leadership: Evelio Monteira Borbón Location: Hermanos Marín no. 106, entre Prolongación de Corona Y Santo Tomás, Reparto Veguita de Galo, Santiago de Cuba

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Name: Centro No Gubernamental para los Derechos Humanos y la Cultura de

Paz "José de la Luz y Caballero" ("José de la Luz y Caballero" Nongovernmental Center for the Promotion of Human Rights and Peace Culture)

Foundation: April 1995

Leadership: Alfredo Felipe Fuentes **Objectives:** to protect human rights and promote indoctrination-free education.

Membership: 25 members

Location: Calle 35 no. 403, entre 40 y 42, Artemisa, Habana C.P 33800

Telephone: (63) 32724 (René, neighbor)

National affiliation: All United.

Additional information: Alfredo Felipe Fuentes was given a 26-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Centro para la Enseñanza de la Información a la Disidencia Interna, CEIDI (Resource Education for Internal Dissidents Center)

Leadership: Jesús García Leiva. Location: Avenida 19 no. 6623, Buenavista, Playa, Ciudad de La Habana.

National Affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Centro Pro Libertad y Democracia (Center for Freedom and Democracy)

Location: Marta I. Orta.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: CIDH "Libertad, Justicia y Paz" ("Freedom, Justice and Peace" Human Rights International Center) Leadership: Reinaldo Ramos. National affiliation: All United.

Name: Círculo de Veteranos Libres de Cuba (Free Cuban Veterans' Club) Foundation: November 2001.

Leadership: Lino Humberto Monés Laffita.

Objectives: Made up of former members of the Cuban military from different periods in the nation's history, their goal is to achieve peace and democracy.

Location: Ciudad de La Habana. National affiliation: All United.

Name: Club de Activistas por la Libertad (Promoters of Freedom Club) Leadership: Marcelino E. González. National affiliation: All United.

Name: Club de Amigos de los Derechos Humanos "Oscar Elías Biscet" ("Oscar Elías Biscet" Club of Friends of Human Rights

Location: Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Club de Presos y Ex Presos "Gerardo González" ("Gerardo González" Current and Former Political Prisoners Club)

Foundation: September 13, 1996. Originated in the Boniato correctional facility in 1993.

Leadership: Mario Rojas Licea

Objectives: to assist political prisoners and their families.

Membership: 268 members Location: Cristina 1072, entre

Gasómetro y Calle 9, Reparto Mariana

de la Torre, Santiago de Cuba

Telephone: (53-226) 656933 (Messages

to Catalina Arguayo)

National affiliation: Mario Rojas Licea signed the Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; Gilberto Castillo signed All United.

Additional information: Named after Gerardo González, a political prisoner murdered in the Boniato correctional facility, in 1970.

Name: Club de Prisioneros y Ex Prisioneros Políticos (Current and Former Political Prisoners Club) Leadership: Alberto Martínez

Fernández.

Location: Calle 3 Norte no. 1151, Esquina a 5 Oeste, Guantánamo. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Club "Heberto Padilla" ("Heberto Padilla" Club) Leadership: Jesús Hernández. National affiliation: All United.

Name: Coalición Democrática Cubana, CDC (Cuban Democratic Coalition)

Foundation: October 1987.

Reorganized on January 28, 1995

Leadership: Reinaldo E. Cosano Alén. Objectives: To fully enforce the rights to work, maternity benefits, a retirement pension, and those of children, women, the elderly, and the handicapped or those neglected by their family; to create ties of friendship and cooperation with the rest of the world, with respect for the principles of national sovereignty and

independence.

Description: The CDC leadership is collegiate, with representation from several organizations, and the consensus of all groups. It would be willing to link up with other dissident organizations, provided they abide by its ban on contacts with Fidel Castro.

Membership: 60 members.

Location: Calle 486 no. 7806, entre 7ma

y 9na, Guanabo, Habana del Este,

Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 964987

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation /

Comisión Cubana de Derechos Humanos y Reconciliación Nacional

Foundation: October 1987 Leadership: Elizardo Sánchez

Santacruz

Objectives: To ensure the observance of human rights and achieve national reconciliation.

Initiatives: Every 6 months, the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation (CCDHRN) releases a report on the human rights situation in Cuba, as well as an updated list of all prisoners of conscience in the island. These documents are regarded as the most serious and reliable of all the reports compiled by different

sobre las prisiones en Cubal **Membership:** 31 members.

Location: Avenida 21 no. 3014, entre 30

organizations on this subject. [See, Informe

y 34, Playa,

Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 238584

National affiliation: All United.

Additional information: Following the March 2003 crackdown on political dissidence, CCDHRN members Marcelo Cano Rodríguez and Marcelo López Bañobre received 18- and 15-year prison sentences, respectively. According to Amnesty International, they fall under the "prisoner of conscience" category. Marcelo López was released from prison in November 2004.

Name: Comisión Cubana de Presos y Ex Presos Políticos (Cuban Commission for Current and Former Political Prisoners)

Foundation: April 15, 2001

Leadership: Conrado Esteban Labrit

Hernández

Objectives: to provide assistance to political prisoners and their families, and to publicize the Universal Declaration of

Human Rights

Membership: 19 members

Location: Malvina no. 54, entre José Miguel y Lindero, Reparto Fraternidad, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana

Name: Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos "José Martí" ("José Martí" National Human Rights Commission)

Foundation: May 19, 1988. **Leadership:** Osvaldo Garcendía

Palacios

Objectives: To denounce civil liberties

violations

Membership: 5 members

Location: Calle 6 no. 1514, entre 15 y

17, Caibarién, Villa Clara

Telephone: (53-42) 33332 (leve

messanges with Santiago)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Name: Comité Cubano por la Libertad y la Democracia (Cuban Committee for

Freedom and Democracy)

Leadership: Bernardo Lázaro González Location: Calle 3ra s/n, entre Ensueño y Cantera, Reparto María Luisa, San Miguel del Padrón, Ciudad de La Habana

National Affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Name: Comité Cubano Pro Derechos Humanos, CCPDH (Cuban Committee for Human Rights)

Foundation: 1976. Reorganized in 1984 **Leadership:** President Gustavo Arcos Bergnes.

Objectives: To achieve a peaceful and democratic resolution of the Cuban crisis; to preserve human rights in Cuba; to obtain amnesty for all political prisoners, including those imprisoned for illegal emigration attempts; to guarantee freedom for all Cubans to leave and return to the country without restrictions.

Location: Calle H no. 305 altos, entre 13 y 15, Vedado, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 325610 **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Comité de Atención a Presos Políticos "Julio Sanguily" ("Julio Sanguily" Political Prisoner Support Committee)

Foundation: June 1991

Leadership: Ileana López Valdés **Objectives:** To provide support for political prisoners and their families

Membership: 27 members.

Location: Bayardo Agramonte s/n, entre

Amalia Simoni y Acción Cívica América Latina, Reparto Bove,

Camagüey.

Telephone: (53-32) 286 6595 (leave

messages)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Comité de Balseros por la Libertad y la Democracia ("Raftpeople" Committee for Freedom and Democracy)

Foundation: June 23, 2001.

Leadership: Carlos Grandal Elozúa **Objectives:** To preserve all 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Membership: 16 members.

Location: Pasaje Fernández y Río, Reparto Mañana, Guanabacoa, Ciudad

de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 940091.

Name: Comité Humanitario y Religioso (Religious Humanitarian Committee)

Foundation: 1997.

Leadership: Rafael Chang Calvez. **Objectives:** A project of assistance for political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, as well as their families.

Membership: 15 members.

Location: Calixto García no. 156, entre Pinar del Río y Yumurí, Párraga, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Comité Mayabequino (Committee of Mayabeque)

Leadership: José González Cubilla. National affiliation: All United.

Name: Comité Pinero de Derechos Humanos (Human Rights Committee of Pinar del Río)

Foundation: March 2, 1997

Leadership: Hubert Rodríguez Tudela. **Objectives:** To expose human rights violations and lay the groundwork for the growth of Cuban civil society.

Description: It manages the "Luis de la

Masa" Civic School. **Membership:** 30 members

Location: Calle C no. 4005, entre 6 y 8, Reparto Micro 70, Nueva Gerona, Isla

de la Juventud.

Telephone: (53-61) 26370. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Consejo Cubano Defensor de los Derechos Civiles (Cuban Council for the

Safeguard of Civil Rights). Foundation: January 28, 1994.

Leadership: Manuel Osvaldo Gutiérrez

Carballo

Objectives: To protect and advance human rights, with special emphasis on civil and political rights.

Membership: 220 members.

Location: Avenida 19 no. 30633, entre 306 y 308, Reparto El Roble, Santa Fe,

Playa, Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 2098569 (leave messages); (537) 2050632 (Gutiérrez

Carballo's mother)

National Affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Consejo Nacional de Coordinación y Asesoramiento de los Grupos Disidentes y Opositores (National Council for Coordination and Advice of Dissident and Opposition Groups)

Leadership: Carlos Amargós Expósito. **Location:** Hospital no. 170 apt. 5, entre Vapor y Príncipe, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Consejo Nacional Pro Derechos Civiles en Cuba (National Council for Civil Rights in Cuba)

Foundation: March 1990.

Leadership: Francisco Chaviano González.

Objectives: To promote civil, political

and religious rights.

Membership: 150 members.

Location: Calle 236 no. 126, entre 1ra A y 3ra, Jaimanitas, Playa, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 213815

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. Jorge Omar Lorenzo Pimienta signed All United.

Additional information: Chaviano Gozález was accused of crimes against national security and was sentenced to serve 15 years in prison for allegedly revealing State secrets and forging documents. According to Amnesty International, Gozález falls under the "prisoner of conscience" category.

Name: Coordinadora Nacional de Presos y Ex Presos Políticos en Cuba (National Coordinator of Current and Former Political Prisoners in Cuba)

Leadership: Aida María Valdés Santana.

Location: Neptuno 1055 apt. 31, entre Espada y San Francisco, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 8706359

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Corriente Agramontista de Abogados Cubanos ("Corriente Agramontista" Cuban Independent

Lawyers' Association) **Foundation:** 1992

Leadership: René Gómez Manzano Location: Calle 18 no.162, apt. 2, entre 13 y 15, Playa, Ciudad de La Habana National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Additional information: René Gómez Manzano is one of the most renowned leaders of the Cuban internal opposition, and of the Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. He was imprisoned for co-authoring the document "La Patria es de Todos" (The Homeland Belongs to Us All).

Name: Corriente Cívica Cubana (Cuban Civic Current)

Leadership: Félix Antonio Bonne Carcassés

Location: Calle 261 no. 15222, entre 152 y 180, Reparto Río Verde, Boyeros,

Ciudad de La Habana

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Additional information: Félix Antonio Bonne Carcassés is one of the most renowned leaders of the Cuban internal opposition and of the Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. He was imprisoned for co-authoring the document "La Patria es de Todos" (The Homeland Belongs to Us All).

Name: Corriente Liberal Cubana (Cuban

Liberal Current)

Foundation: June 16, 1996. **Leadership:** Cecilia Jorge Ruiz. **Objectives:** Concerned with the nonviolent struggle for democracy.

Membership: 350 members.

Location: 10 de Octubre no. 698, entre Mario y Gustavo, Reparto Santa Amalia, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 445788

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba and All

United.

Name: Corriente Socialista Democrática, CSDC (Cuban Social Democratic Current).

Foundation: 1992

Leadership: Manuel Cuesta Morúa.

Objectives: End of the US economic embargo. US withdrawal from Guantánamo Naval Base and return of that territory to Cuban control Amnesty for all citizens imprisoned for promoting nonviolent democratic change. Ensuring that amendments to the National

Constitution translate into concrete

institutional, judicial and political reform and are not confined to merely providing legal validation of fait accompli. Adherence to the principles of national independence, popular sovereignty, political pluralism, mixed economy, social justice, and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms. Advocating for legal and nonviolent political opposition approaches. National

Initiatives: A proposal for democratic transition in Cuba. [See, <u>Teoría para la Transición hacia la Democracia en Cuba.]</u>

reconciliation.

Publications: "Nueva Izquierda" (New Left-wing), a newsletter devoted to

political and economic analysis and news, first issued in April 2002 Location: Requena 10, esquina a Salvador Allende, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana

Website: http://www.corriente.org/ **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; promoter

of the Mesa de Reflexión de la

Oposición Moderada (MROM) and of

the Arco Progresista.

Name: Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil "José Antonio Echeverría" ("José Antonio Echevarría" Revolutionary Student Directorate)

Foundation: December 1990

Founded by: Alejandro Piret; Memo

García y Luis André

Objectives: Democratic change and unity of the exiled and internal members of the opposition.

Name: Encuentro de Criterio Civilista

(Forum for Civil Debate) Foundation: May 1999.

Leadership: Jesús García Leiva. **Objectives:** Development of civil

society.

Membership: 6 members.

Location: Avenida 19 no. 6623, esquina a 68, Buena Vista, Playa, Ciudad de La

Habana.

Telephone: (537) 406976

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Estrella Tricolor de Cuba

(Cuba's Tricolor Star)

Leadership: Alfredo Castillo Mordss. **Location:** Carretera Baconao km 2 1/2,

Santiago de Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Ex-Club Cautivo de Pinar del Río (Pinar del Río Captive Ex-Club)

Foundation: 1996

Founded by: Luis Alberto Rodríguez

Santos.

Location: Comunidad López Peña (ex San Carlos), edificio A-4, San Cristóbal,

Pinar del Río, C.P 24400

National affiliation: Aslán Beltrán

Salene endorsed All United.

Name: Ex-Club Cautivo de Sancti Spiritus (Sancti Spiritus Captive Ex-Club)

Leadership: Blas Giraldo Reyes.

Location: Calle 26 de Julio no.30, entre 3ra del Oeste y Ferrocarril, Reparto

Colón, Sancti Spiritus. **Telephone:** (53-41)52664.

National affiliation: All United.

Información adicional: Blas Giraldo Reyes

was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Familia Trujillo (Trujillo Family)

Founded: April 2001

Leadership: Eddy Trujillo García. **Objectives:** Struggle for democracy through nonviolent opposition. **Membership:** 3 members.

Location: Alemán 540 A, entre Estrada Palma v Serafín Sánchez, Reparto La Pastora, Santa Clara, Villa Clara **Telephone:** (53-422) 205636 (leave

messages)

Name: Frente Democrático Independiente del Centro del País (Central Region Independent

Democratic Front)

Leadership: Antonio Alonso Mesa. Location: Ouintín Banderas no. 170. entre Carolina Cabrera y Juana Equimol,

Sagua la Grande, Villa Clara.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Antonio A.

Villareal Acosta was given a 15-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Frente Democrático por la Libertad (Democratic Front for Freedom)

Leadership: Lázaro E. Ramos. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Frente Línea Dura (Hard Line

Front)

Leadership: Emilio Leiva Pérez. Location: Calle Bella no. 61, entre Cisneros Betancourt y Finlay, Los Pinos, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana. National affiliation: Assembly to

Promote Civil Society in Cuba. **Additional information:** Emilio Leyva was released from prison on June 8, 2004 after

having been incarcerated awaiting trial.

Name: Frente Patriótico Nacional (Patriotic National Front)
Leadership: Santiago Alonso

National affiliation: All United

Name: Fundación Cubana de Derechos Humanos (Cuban Human Rights Foundation)

Founded: August 17, 1999

Leadership: Juan Carlos González Leiva, president; Adel Ramón López, member of the Executive.

Objectives: To preserve human rights, abolish the death penalty, protect the environment.

Membership: 300 members

Location: Honorato del Castillo no. 154, entre República y Cuba, Ciego de Ávila

Telephone: (53-33) 22235

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All United.

Additional information: Lawyer González Leiva and other defendants implicated in Case # 66 of 2002 were remanded in custody without due process for over two years, from March 4, 2002 until April 27, 2004. González Leiva may have been the only blind political prisoner in the world. During the trial, the accused received sentences ranging from 4 years house arrest for González Leiva; 30 months for Delio Laureano Resquejo Rodríguez (he was released with restricted rights); 21 months for Adolfo Lázaro Bosq Hinojosa; 7 years for Virgilio Mantilla Arango; 3 years for Carlos Brizuela Yera; 3 1/2 years for Enrique García Morejón; and 3 years for Lázaro Iglesias Estrada. Antonio Marcelino García Morejón is still awaiting trial. Odalmis Hernández Márquez and Ana Peláez will serve 3 years' house arrest, while Léxter Tellez Castro was given a 3 1/2-year prison term (during the trial, Tellez Castro testified that he had been working undercover for the Cuban State Security services under the codename "Ignacio," but witnesses said he expressed regrets over his actions and was supposedly sent to jail for it).

Name: Fundación Cubana de Derechos Humanos y Fomento Territorial "Isla de Pinos" ("Isle of Youth" Cuban Foundation for Human Rights and Territorial Development)

Founded: May 3, 2001

Leadership: Manuel Ismael Acosta González; Lázaro Ricardo Pérez García. **Objectives:** To promote the observance

of human rights and territorial development in the Isle of Youth. **Membership:** 113 members.

Location: Calle 3 7 no. 3610, entre 36 y 38, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud.

Telephone: (53-61) 22500

National affiliation: Assembly to

Promote Civil Society.

Name: Fundación de Estudios sobre Derechos Humanos "Melinda Gates" ("Melinda Gates" Studies on Human Rights Foundation)

Name: Fundación "Jesús Yánez Pelletier" ("Jesús Yánez Pelletier" Foundation)

Founded: 2002

Leadership: Pelletier's widow, María

de los Ángeles Menéndez,

Objectives: The continuation of Yánez

Pelletier's democratic struggle. **Location:** Ciudad de La Habana.

Nombre: Fundación Nacional " Jorge Mas Canosa" ("Jorge Mas Canosa" National Foundation).

Leadership: José Agramonte Leyva. **Objectives:** Work for a transition to democracy and for full respect for human rights.

Location: Tristán 22, Reparto Salomé, Camagüey.

Name: Fundación Lawton por los Derechos Humanos (Lawton Foundation for Human Rights)

Founded: 1997

Leadership: Dr. Oscar Elías Biscet

González.

Objectives: Preservation of human rights and the right to life. Opposes abortion, euthanasia and execution by firing squad.

Membership: 28 members

Location: Acosta no. 464, entre 8 y 9,

Lawton, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 991774

Additional information: Through the efforts of Elsa Morejón, Dr. Biscet's wife, the Lawton Foundation has become one of the primary driving forces of the Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. El Dr. Oscar Elías Biscet was given a 25-year prison sentence on March 2003, and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Fundación Marta Abreu Pro Derechos Humanos "Marta Abreu" (Human Rights Foundation)

Founded: January 1st, 2000 **Objectives:** Advancement of human

rights and democracy. Subscribes to the 1940 Constitution and the Moncada

Political Program.

Location: Misionero no. 154, entre Maceo y Unión, Santa Clara, Villa Clara

Telephone: (53-422) 253184 **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Fundación "Pedro Luis Boitel" ("Pedro Luis Boitel" Foundation).

Name: Grupo de Apoyo a la Liga Cívica

(Civic League Support Group) **Leadership:** Orestes Hernández. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Grupo de Apoyo a la Oposición "Arroyo Naranjo" ("Arroyo Naranjo" Opposition Support Group).

Founded: June 7, 1999

Leadership: Aquilina Lissy Rico

Castillo.

Objectives: To advance democracy. **Membership:** 150 members (40 active

members)

Location: Calle B no. 171, entre 3ra y Avenida Güinera, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Grupo de Apoyo Cristiano

(Christian Support Group)

Leadership: Noris Sánchez Monsibay.

Name: Grupo Gestor para una Asociación de Amistad Cuba-EEUU (Negotiating Group for a Cuba-U.S.

Friendship Association)

Founded: 1994

Leadership: Armando Soler Hernández

Objectives: To push for closer ties

between Cuba and the U.S. **Membership:** 2 members

Location: Juan Delgado no. 209, entre Libertad y Milagros, Santos Suárez, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (7) 411973

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Grupo Opositor por la Nueva República (Opposition Group for a New Republic)

Leadership: Lucía García Carvajal. **Location:** Calle 204 no. 40117, entre 403 y 407, El Rancho, Santiago de las Vegas, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Hermandad Pro Derechos Humanos "Libertad y Fe" ("Liberty and Faith" Human Rights Fraternity)

Founded by: María Celina Rodríguez;

Pedro Hernández Redonet.

Objectives: Freedom of worship. Opening of Jehovah's Witnesses and 7th Day Adventists' temples. Official media distribution of religious programs and news "without religious discrimination."

Name: Hermanos Fraternales por la Dignidad (Fraternal Association for

Dignity)

Founded: September 17, 1991 **Leadership:** Amílcar Paredes Pérez.

Objectives: The safeguard of human

rights and Democracy. **Membership:** 47 members.

Location: Pasaje Siboney no. 68, entre Libertad y Lindero, Párraga, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 443100 (leave

messages to Inés)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; Ricardo

López endorsed All United.

Additional information: Miguel Valdés Tamayo was given a 15-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and has been considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. Miguel Valdés Tamayo was released from prison on a special license on June 10, 2004.

Name: Instituto de Integración Cultural Cubano-Americano Proyecto Cambio 2000 ("Proyecto Cambio 2000" Institute for Cuba-U.S. Cultural Integration)

Founded: October 1984.

Leadership: Carlos Ríos Otero.

Objectives: To promote research on the

Americas and Cuba-U.S. cultural

integration.

Membership: 300 members. **Location:** Este no. 85-07 apt. B3, esquina a Conill, Nuevo Vedado, Plaza,

Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Instituto Independiente de Cultura y Democracia (Culture and Democracy Independent Institute) Leadership: José Gabriel Ramón Castillo

Location: Carretera de Bacardí no. 5, entre Calzada J. Crombet y Hatuey, Reparto San Pedrito, Santiago de Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Additional information: José Gabriel Ramón Castillo was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Instituto Liberal "Francisco de Arango y Parreño" ("Francisco de Arango y Parreño" Liberal Institute)

Founded: June 2000

Leadership: Pablo Silva Cabrera

Objectives: To prepare the citizenry for

democratic change.

Membership: 25 members.

Location: Avenida 59 no. 11206, entre 112 y 114, Marianao, Ciudad de La

Habana.

Telephone: (537) 2063946.

Name: Jóvenes del Nuevo Siglo por los Derechos Humanos (Youth of the New

Century for Human Rights) **Founded:** January 28, 2000.

Leadership: Normar Jorge Rodríguez

Cabrera.

Objectives: To provide humanitarian assistance to the elderly, prison inmates, etc. To promote human rights awareness among the young.

Membership: 57 members.

Location: San Pedro 157, entre San Mateo y San Antonio, Santiago de Cuba.

Telephone: (53-226) 654196 **National Affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All United.

Nombre: Jóvenes de Bayamo Plantados hasta la Libertad y la Democracia (Bayamo Youths in Protest until Freedom and Democracy Prevail).

Leadership: Gabriel Díaz Sánchez. **Location:** Raúl Gómez no.266, entre Guillermo Torné y Calle C, Reparto La

Unión, Bayazo, Granma.

Name: Jóvenes Universitarios por una Cuba Libre (University Students for a Free Cuba).

Founded: December 11, 2003. **Leadership:** Carlos López Gómez.

Objectives: To mobilize Cuban university students into non-violent opposition against the status quo in the island and protect them

from the regime's arbitrary actions. **Membership:** 150 members. **Email:** desdecuba@yahoo.com.

Name: Junta Cívica Cubana "Carlos Manuel de Céspedes" ("Carlos Manuel de Céspedes" Cuban Civic Board)
Leadership: René Oscar Díaz Sánchez.
Location: Calle 2da no. 8, entre A y
Federico Rey, Reparto Santa María,
Santiago de Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Junta de Atención a Presos Políticos y de Conciencia "Isla de Pinos" ("Isla de Pinos" Board for the Support of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of Conscience)

Name: Junta Nacional de Transición hacia la Democracia (Democratic Transition National Board) Founded: November 18, 1998 Leadership: José Manuel Escobedo Yasell.

Objectives: To advance human rights

Membership: 62 members

Location: Calle L no. 104 altos, entre 3ra y Avenida de Céspedes, Reparto

Ensueño, Santiago de Cuba **Telephone:** (53-226) 6627372 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All United.

Name: Junta Opositora en la Isla de Pinos (Isla de Pinos Oppositionist Board)

Name: Liga Cívica Martiana ("José

Martí" Civic League)

Founded by: Political prisoners of *Combinado del Este* correctional facility **Leadership:** Williams Ernesto Herrera Díaz

Objectives: Advance human rights and demand their observance by the government. Amnesty for all political prisoners. End of mandatory military service and Cuban military involvement abroad. Abrogation of the death penalty.

Membership: 100 members

Location: Calle Po no. 47 apto. 2, entre 2da y Avenida Rosario, Reparto Rosario, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 406976 (leave messages to Osvaldo); (537) 448485

(leave messages to Tony)

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Liga Juvenil Martiana ("José Martí" Youth League)

Name: Mesa de Reflexión de la Oposición Moderada (Moderate Opposition's Round Table for Reflection)

Founded: 1999

Founded by: Pedro Pablo Álvarez (United Council of Cuban Workers); Manuel Cuesta Morúa (Cuban Socialist Democratic Current); Osvaldo Alfonso Valdés (Cuba's Liberal Democratic Party); Fernando Sánchez López (Democratic Solidarity Party); Rafael León Rodríguez Cuban Democratic Project).

Objectives: To find alternative paths toward democratic change, through proposals for dialogue and internal

democratization of the Round Table member groups. To work on the fundamental concepts, benchmarks, and boundaries key to a political culture of democratic governability. To establish a coordinative framework for situation-specific action planning. To advance joint initiatives as specified by member organizations' consensus.

Description: Emphasizes citizens' participation through civil society structures. Contrary to the Varela Project, it holds that present conditions are not ripe for a demand for a referendum.

Location: Requena no. 10, esquina a Salvador Allende, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana

Web site: http://www.cosodecu.org/ (Social Democratic Coordinator);

http://www.corriente.org/ (Social Democratic Current)

Affiliation in the exile community: Round Table for Reflection Abroad.

Name: Misioneros Ortodoxos Cristianos por la Libertad (Christian Orthodox Missionaries for Freedom)

Name: Misioneras por la Bondad y la Misericordia (Missionaries for Compassion and Mercy)

Name: Movimiento "8 de Septiembre" ("8th of September" Movement)

Leadership: Pedro Capote Acosta

Objectives: Democratic change and assistance for political prisoners

Location: Jaime Noriega no. 381, La

Vigía, Camagüey.

Telephone: (53-32) 294458 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento "5 de Agosto" ("August 5" Movement)

Leadership: Eduardo Díaz Fleitas,

vicepresident.

Location: Pinar del Río.

Additional information: Eduardo Díaz Fleitas was given a 21-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Movimiento "13 de Julio Mártires del Remolcador" ("Martyrs of the July 13 th Tugboat Sinking" Movement)

Founded: August 1994

Leadership: Carlos Oquendo

Objectives: Struggle for democracy and

the rule of law.

Membership: 50 members

Location: Mayía Rodríguez no. 902, esquina a Perla, Los Pinos, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 444506 (Leave

messages to Olga)

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Movimiento 20 de Mayo de Derechos Humanos ("May 20 th" Human Rights Movement) Leadership: Fidel Suárez Cruz. Location: Finca La Irene, Cooperativa Carlos M. de Céspedes, Manuel Lazo, Sandino, Pinar del Río.

Additional information: Fidel Suárez Cruz was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Movimiento Alternativa Republicana (Republican Alternative Movement)

Leadership: Enrique Samuell Peña **Initiatives:** It has promoted the PEDAL project, a series of dissidents' gatherings with large public draws, including tourists, local independent journalists, as well as the

foreign press. The project, taking its cue from Saumell Peña's regular gatherings at Havana's Parque Central, was conceived as an attempt to open new spaces for unrestricted debate within the country. In turn, PEDAL has led to the creation of similar projects called, "La Terraza de la Libertad" (The Terrace of Liberty), headed by Miriam Yadira García, in Calle Tenerife 168, Centro Habana; Hombres Libres, organized by Luis Rodríguez Cerito, in Calle 24 de Febrero no.61, entre Martí y Maceo, Niguero, Granma; and others in Carretera Vieja no.2, Catalina de Güines, La Habana; Calle E no.21, Reparto Agüero, Santiago de Cuba; Calle 76 y 11, Reparto Miramar, Ciudad de La Habana; "José de la Luz y Caballero", headed by Rodney Batista Marcos, in the park "Fe del Valle", Galiano y San Rafael, Ciudad de La Habana; and "Esquina Republicana", headed by Leonel Trenal Sánchez, in Raúl Peraza no.127, Reparto Agüero, Santiago de Cuba. Location: Tenerife no. 168, entre Carmen y Rastro, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Orlando Zapata Tamayo, deputy director of Republican Alternative, is currently incarcerated awaiting trial.

Name: Movimiento Cívico "6 de Enero" ("6th of January" Civic Movement)
Founded: December 19, 1999
Leadership: Bárbaro Antonio Vela
Crego.

Objectives: To salvage moral civic values; to achieve a pacific democratic transition.

Membership: 60 members

Location: Calle Universidad no. 253, entre Cruz del Padre y Nueva del Pilar, Habana Vieja, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 784348 (Leave

messages to Julio)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: Movimiento Cívico Nacional Amor Cubano Reforma 11 de Julio 2000 ("11th of July, 2000" Cuban National Civic Movement for Love and Reform) Leadership: Rogelio Travieso Pérez Objectives: Peaceful reconciliation inspired by the ideas of José de la Luz y Caballero.

Membership: 50 members

Location: Reforma no. 12 222, entre Independencia y América, Reparto Martí, Cerro, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 284010 (leave

messages)

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Movimiento Cívico Nacional "Máximo Gómez" (Máximo Gómez National Civic Movement)

Leadership: María M. Valdés.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Movimiento Cívico Nacional " Calixto García" ("Calixto García" National Civic Movement).

Leadership: Jorge Luis Labarca Peña. **Objectives:** To promote the principles comprised in the UN Human Rights Declaration, and to restore democracy in Cuba.

Location: Calle 1ra no.24, entre 22 y Capitán Urtío, Reparto Libertad, Holguín.

Name: Movimiento Cívico Nacionalista (Nationalist Civic Movement) Founded: December 10, 1998 Leadership: Tomás González Coya

Rodríguez

Objectives: To provide support for political prisoners and promote civic nationalism.

Membership: 48 members

Location: Calle 6 no. 193, entre 9 y 11, Reparto Camacho, Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

Telephone: (53-422) 16960 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Cristiano

Liberación (MCL)

(Christian Liberation Movement)

Founded: June 1989

Founded by: Oswaldo Payá Sardiñas; Antonio Dáz Sánchez; Miguel Aludes García; Regis Iglesias Ramírez; Raúl León Hernández; Antonio Rodríguez Ávila; and the young members of the Christian Club for Cuban Political Thought Study (Peña Cristiana del Pensamiento Cubano).

Objectives: National dialogue with participation of all popular sectors, including Cuban exiles. Freedom of expression and association. Amnesty for all political prisoners and the end of reprisals against those who denounce injustice and push for nonviolent social change. To ward off civil war, foreign intervention, and state repression and avoid unyielding political postures. To forestall the importation of foreign answers to the national crisis. To promote love among Cubans. The organization of a plebiscite allowing the people to decide the goals and paths to their realization that they want to pursue. Initiatives: Oswaldo Payá Sardiñas, from the CLM, gave life to the Varela Project, a petition for referendum, based on the Constitution, to advance democratic change. On December 12. 2003, Payá issued a new proposal,

Programa de Trabajo para el Programa

de Transición that was complementary to the Varela Project. [See, <u>Proyecto</u> <u>Varela y Programa de Trabajo para el</u> Programa de Transición]

Location: Calle Peñón no. 221, Cerro,

Ciudad de la Habana

E-mail: mclpaya2@compuserve.com **Web sit**e: http://www.cubaproyectovarela.org/

National affiliation: All United.
International affiliation: Christian
Democrat and People's Parties
International.

Additional information: In 2002, Oswaldo Payá won the Averell Harriman Democracy Award and the (Andrei) Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, from the US National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the European Parliament, respectively. In 2003, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. MCL members Enrique García Morejón and Antonio García Morejón remain in prison, awaiting trial. During the March 2003 political crackdown, several MCL members received prison sentences: Efrén Fernández, 12 years; Antonio Díaz Sánchez, 20 years; Regis Iglesias Ramírez, 18 years; Antonio A. Villareal Acosta, 15 years; Blas Giraldo Reyes Rodríguez, 25 years; Alfredo Pulido López, 14 years; Jorge Luis González Banquero, 20 years; Alfredo Domínguez Batista, 14 years; Luis Enrique Ferrer García, 28 years; José Daniel Ferrer García, 25 years; Alexis Rodríguez Fernández, 15 years; Ricardo Silva Gual, 10 years; Leonel Grave de Peralta A., 20 years; Jesús Mustafá Felipe, 25 years. Amnisty International has considered them prisoners of conscience.

Name: Movimiento Cubano de Jóvenes por la Democracia (Young Cubans for Democracy Movement) Founded: 1994

Leadership: Néstor Rodríguez Lobaina **Objectives:** To instill democratic principles in the younger generation. **Description:** Associated with the "Félix Varela" Human Rights Commission. **Location:** Carlos Manuel y Calle 18

Norte, Guantánamo.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Following the March 2003 crackdown on political dissidence, Juan Carlos Herrera Acosta and Claro Sánchez Altarriba received 20 and 15-year prison sentences, respectively. According to Amnesty International, they fall under the "prisoner of conscience" category.

Name: Movimiento Cubano por la Democracia-Razón, Verdad y Libertad (Cuban Movement for Democracy-Reason and Liberty)

Founded: October 30, 2001

Leadership: Léster González Pentón **Objectives:** Protection of human rights; non-violent transition to democracy

Membership: 14 members

Location: Calle 1ra no. 28, entre A y Ríos, Reparto Ramón Ruiz del Sol, Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

Telephone: (53-422) 05832

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional Information: Léster González Pentón was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Movimiento Cubano Reflexión (Cuban Movement for Social Reflection)

Founded: December 10, 1994

Leadership: Librado Linares García **Objectives:** Monitoring and protection of human rights and assistance to

prisoners of conscience and political prisoners.

Location: Hermanos Cárdenas no. 26. entre Demetrio Brito y Valeriano López,

Camajuaní, Villa Clara **Telephone:** (53-42) 481445

Additional Information: Librado Linares García was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Movimiento de Acción Democrática (Democratic Action

Movement)

Founded: June 15, 1995

Leadership: Luis Ramón Hernández

Rodríguez

Objectives: Protection of human rights.

Membership: 70 members.

Location: San Miguel no. 308, entre Toscano y San Pedro, Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

Telephone: (53-422) 02556 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento de Acción Nacionalista Democrática Independiente, MANDI

Democratic Action)

Foundation: September 20, 1996 **Leadership:** Alprio Alejandro Cabañas

(Independent Nationalist Movement for

Objectives: Protection of human rights and dissemination of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **Membership:** 23 members.

Location: Central no. 15127, entre 3ra y Arday, Boyeros, Ciudad de La Habana. **National affiliation:** Assembly to

Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento de Derechos Humanos "Claridad" ("Claridad" Human

Rights Movement).

Leadership: Lorenzo García Rodríguez,

president.

Location: Edificio 9, Reparto Alex

Urquiola, Holguín.

Name: Movimiento de Derechos Humanos "Los Siete". ("Los Siete" **Human Rights Movement)**

Leadership: César Román Ramírez.

Location: Holguín.

Name: Movimiento de Integración Racial, MIR (Racial Integration

Movement)

Founded: August 19, 2000

Leadership: José Idelfonso Vélez

Hernández

Objectives: Race-blind integration of all Cubans and non-violent social and

political change.

Membership: 300 members.

Location: Calle D no. 315, entre 5ta y Lindero, Ampliación del Sevillano, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 444529 (leave messages to Manuel, neighbor) National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento de Jóvenes del Nuevo Siglo (New Century Youth

Movement)

Leadership: Zoe M. Fuentes. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Movimiento de Reconciliación

Nacional, MORENA, (National Reconciliation Movement)

Founded: May 9, 1997

Founded by: José Antonio Martínez Márquez, president); Lázaro de la Hoz Hernández, vicepresident; Alberto Borge Soa, organizing secretary; Rasiel Crespo

Castro, political Indoctrination Secretary; Caridad Peinado Gutiérrez, secretary for Religious Affairs.

Leadership: Valentín Almiral Miranda. **Location:** Calle Libertad no. 38, San

Juan y Martínez, Pinar del Río.

National affiliation: Maintains ties with the Pinar del Río branch of the Human Rights Party, the Democratic Socialist Movement and the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation and the Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: On May 9th, 1997, it submitted an application for legal status before the Department of Associations at the Pinar del Río office of the Ministry of Justice. It went unanswered.

Name: Movimiento de Resistencia Cívica "Martín Luther King" ("Martin Luther King" Civic Resistance Movement)

Leadership: Rafael Millet Leyva. **Additional information:** Millet Leyva remains in custody, awaiting trial.

Name: Movimiento del Pueblo Libre de Cuba "Josué País García" ("Josué País García" Free Cuban People Movement)

Name: Movimiento Democracia (Democracy Movement)

Leadership: Pedro Castellanos Pérez. **Location:** Calle 4, edificio 5, apt. 4, esquina a 85, Reparto Tulipán, Cienfuegos.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Democrático Cristiano de Cuba. (Christian Democratic Movement of Cuba) Founded: February 24, 2003. **Leadership:** Carlos Martínez, president; María Suárez Martínez, executive vicepresident. **Location:** Calle G, edificio 10, apto.3, Reparto José Martí, Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

Name: Movimiento Democracia y Paz (Peace and Democracy Movement) Leadership: Lidia Beinímez National affiliation: All United.

Name: Movimiento Democrático "Padre Félix Varela", MDPFV, ("Father Félix Varela" Democratic Movement)

Founded: 1982

Leadership: María Valdés Rosado **Objectives:** To assist political prisoners and their families and strive for democratization.

Membership: 150 members.

Location: Galiano no. 311, entre San Miguel y Neptuno, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 636100.

Name: Movimiento Democrático Unión de Jóvenes Martianos (José Martíinspired United Youth Movement for Democracy)

Founded: April 1, 2001

Leadership: Francisco Pacheco

Espinosa.

Objectives: To achieve non-violent political change, without dialogue with government authorities.

Membership: 10 members.

Location: Plácido no. 337 apt. 3, entre

Carretera Central y Cuba Libre,

Camagüey.

Name: Movimiento "Fe por la Libertad de la Patria" ("Faith in Homeland Freedom" Movement)

Leadership: Silvio Roberto Noriega

Ibáñez

Location: Calle 18 no. 1915, entre 19 y 21, Pedro Betancourt, Matanzas.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Fundación Unión y Libertad (Union and Liberty Foundation Movement)

Name: Movimiento Hermandad Cívica (Civic Friendship Movement) Leadership: Alejandro Chang National affiliation: All United.

Name: Movimiento Independentista "Carlos Manuel de Céspedes" ("Carlos Manuel de Céspedes" Movement for Independence)

Founded: December 7, 2000 **Leadership:** Jorge Luis González Tanquero.

Objectives: To achieve democracy.

Membership: 52 members

International.

Location: Calle Fe del Valle no. 23, entre 106 y Anastasio Quiñónez, Amancio Rodríguez, Las Tunas **Telephone:** (53-31) 92760

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. Additional information: Jorge Luis González Banquero was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty

Name: Movimiento Independiente "Opción Alternativa" ("Alternative Option" Independent Movement) Leadership: Ariel Sigler Amaya; Miguel Sigler. Juan Francisco Sigler, acting president.

Location: Calle 22 no. 1910, entre 19 y

21. Pedro Betancourt, Matanzas

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba, All United.

Additional information: Ariel Sigler Amaya, Guido Sigler Amaya y Ángel Juan Moya Acosta were given from 20 to 25-year prison sentences following the March 2003 political crackdown, and are considered prisoners of conscience by Amnesty International. Miguel Sigler Amaya is in custody, awaiting trial.

Name: Movimiento Juvenil Socialista Democrático Cubano (Cuban Social Democratic Youth Movement) Leadership: Lemmys Tornes Alarcón. National affiliation: It is the youth section of the Cuba's Socialist Democratic Current (CSDC)

Name: Movimiento Juventud Ortodoxa del 2000 (2000 Orthodox Youth Movement)

Leadership: Jorge Luis Álvarez Guerra. Location: Calle 4ta no. 617, entre K y L, Reparto Sueño, Santiago de Cuba. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Libertad (Liberty

Movement)

Founded: September 2000

Leadership: Humberto F. Guerra **Objectives:** Nonviolent civic struggle and safeguard of human rights.

Location: Villa Verde 15, entre Heredia y Cisneros, Párraga, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 444885 (leave

messages to Tony)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: Movimiento Maceísta por la Dignidad (Antonio Maceo-inspired

Movement for Dignity)

Founded: January 1992. Reorganized in

January 1995.

Founded by: As of January 1995, the following organizations joined forces to form this movement: Agrupación por la Libertad y la Democracia de Cuba; Asociación de Obreros y campesinos Independientes; Asociación Humanitaria "Herminio Rivera"; Asociación Humanitaria "Manuel Sanguily"; Asociación Humanitaria "María Cabrales"; Asociación "Serafín Sánchez"; Frente Humanitario Mariana Grajales; Liga Juvenil "Titán de Bronce"; Movimiento de Jóvenes por la Democracia "6 de septiembre".

Leadership: Ramón Varela Sánchez **Objectives:** To obtain freedom for the Cuban people through nonviolent means. To campaign against racial discrimination.

Location: Pasaje Giquel no. 11, entre Neptuno y San Miguel, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana

National Affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Nacional de Derechos Humanos "Aurora" ("Aurora" National Movement for Human Rights)

Founded: June 6, 1986

Leadership: Jorge Santacana Valdés **Objectives:** Monitoring human rights violations for denunciation before public officials.

Location: Lacret 411 apt. 1, entre Figueroa y D'Estrampes, Santo Suárez, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana

National Affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Nacional de

Derechos Humanos "Mario Manuel de la

Peña" ("Mario Manuel de la Peña" National Movement for Human Rights)

Founded: February 24, 1999

Leadership: Omar Pernet Hernández **Objectives:** To reinstate democracy and

human rights

Location: Segunda del Oeste no. 124 A, entre 5ta y 6ta del Sur, Placetas, Villa Clara.

National Affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Omar Pernet Hernández was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Movimiento Nacional de Resistencia Cívica "Pedro Luis Boitel" ("Pedro Luis Boitel" National Movement for Civic Resistance)

Founded: January 27, 1997

Leadership: Bertha Antúnez Pernet **Objectives:** To provide assistance for political prisoners and their families.

Membership: 145 members

Location: Calle 7ma del Sur no. 3, entre Paseo Martí y 1ra del Este, Placetas, Villa Clara.

Telephone: (53-42) 82634

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; Félix Navarro and Bertha Antúnez endorsed All United.

Additional information: Próspero Gainz Agüero was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Movimiento "Pablo Morales" ("Pablo Morales" Movement)

Leadership: José L. López **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Movimiento Pacifista por la Democracia Seguidores de Chivás ("Followers of Chivás" Non Violence Movement for Democracy)

Leadership: Dolores Santana Isaac. Location: Calle 4ta no. 610, entre K y L, Reparto Sueño, Santiago de Cuba. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Pinero de Derechos Humanos ("Pinero" Movement for Human Rights).

Leadership: Fabio Prieto Llorente. **Objectives:** To promote respect for human rights, and an independent journalism.

Location: Calle 30 no.4903, entre 49 y 51, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud. Additional information: Fabio Prieto Llorente was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Movimiento Para una Transición Democrática en Cuba (Movement for a Democratic Transition in Cuba)

Founded: 1999

Leadership: Moisés Rodríguez Quesada

Objectives: To achieve the democratization of the country. **Membership:** 60 members

Location: Calle 116 no. 27904, entre 279 y 281, Calabazar, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 447270 (leave messages to Rodríguez Quesada's mother)

National affiliation: Assembly to promote Civil Society.

Name: Movimiento Plantados Hasta la Libertad y la Democracia ("Determined until Free" Democratic Movement) **Leadership:** Julio Ruiz Pitaluga; Carlos Rodolfo Conesa, delegate in the central region.

National Affiliation: Ruiz Pitaluga signed All United.

Additional information: In April 2004, this organization together with MAR por Cuba and the Consejo por la Libertad de Cuba, issued the proposal Proyecto de Transición para Cuba. These organizations stated that the document fills spaces left by other projects from the opposition.

Name: Movimiento por la Democracia y la Libertad de Cuba (Movement for a Free and Democratic Cuba).

Leadership: Ángel Juan Moya Acosta **Location:** Calle 25 no. 2725, entre 27 y 29, Pedro Betancourt, Matanzas.

Additional information: Moya Acosta was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Movimiento Pro-Democracia "Proclamar la Libertad". ("Proclamar la Libertad" Pro Democratic Movement) Leadership: Diolexis Rodríguez Hurtado.

Location: Estrada Palma, edificio 6, apto.1, Reparto América Latina, Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

Name: Movimiento Pro Derechos Humanos "10 de Diciembre" ("10 th of December " Movement for Human Rights)

Founded: June 5, 2001

Leadership: Alfredo Pulido López **Objectives:** To spread knowledge of all 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and assist political prisoners.

Membership: 40 members

Location: Palomino no. 50, entre 7 y 8,

Reparto Simoni, Camagüey

Telephone: (53 32) 86700 (Alejandro) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Pro Derechos Humanos "24 de Febrero" ("24 th of

February" Movement for

Human Rights)

Founded: February 24, 1990

Leadership: Leonardo Miguel Bruzón. Ávila, Alexis Solórzano Chacón,

delegate in Bauta.

Objectives: Amnesty for political prisoners, observance of human rights,

and democracy.

Membership: 500 members

Location: Campanario no. 564, entre Dragones y Salud, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 8639425

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Additional information: Bruzón Ávila, was arrested on February 23, 2002 for organizing a memorial for the 24 February. He remained imprisoned without due process until his release on June 18, 2004. He has been considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnisty International.

Name: Movimiento Proyecto Solidaridad por la Unidad Cubana ("Solidarity for Cuban Unity" Project)

Founded: July 15, 2001

Leadership: Nelson Antonio Vázquez

Obregón.

Objectives: To strive for unification of

the opposition movement. **Membership:** 7 members.

Location: Vapor 157, altos, entre

Espada y San Francisco, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 870 3303 (leave

messages to Ronald)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Republicano Cubano (Cuban Republican Movement) Leadership: Alexandry Aguilar Sosa. Location: Calle Maceo no. 20, entre Santa Catalina y Máximo Gómez, El Roque, Perico, Matanzas.

Name: Movimiento Rescate de Hermanos (Brothers Rescue Movement) Leadership: José Núñez Rodríguez. Location: Calle Ruiz Final no. 1582, entre 30 y 31, Cárdenas, Matanzas. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Movimiento Unión Nacional Cubana (Cuban Movement for National

Unity)

Founded: October 12, 1993
Founded by: Oscar Castillo Véliz
(President), Carlos E. Prades Herrera
(Vicepresident), Orestes Fiallo Aldama
(Organizing Secretary), Antonio Azoy
Quintana (Human Rights Affairs),
Nancy Gutiérrez Pérez (Information
Dissemination), Francisco García Bernal
(International Relations), Eduardo
Carmona Romero (Financial Affairs),
Ramón Marrero Martínez.

Leadership: Carlos Enrique Prades

Ierrera.

Objectives: To enforce all 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights.

Membership: 25 members

Location: Delicias no. 468, entre Luz y Pocito, Lawton, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad

de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 984747 (leave messages to Nancy, neighbor) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Municipios de Cuba, Derechos Humanos (Human Rights, Cuban

Municipalities)

Founded: July 29, 2001

Leadership: Rogelio Manuel Menéndez

Díaz.

Objectives: Non-violent civic

resistance.

Membership: 18 members

Location: Calle Martínez no. 356 altos, apt. 2, entre B y C, Lawton, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 982815 (leave

message to Farah)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Oficina de Información de Derechos Humanos (Human Rights

Information Office)

Founded: November 15, 1994
Founded by: Aida Valdés Santana
(Executive Director); Leonardo Calvo
(Advisory Counsil); Gisela Estévez
Martínez; René Gómez Manzano;
Vladimiro Roca Antúnez; María Valdés
Rosado; Dr. Jorge Bacallao (Legal
Consultant); Francisco Chaviano
(Honorary Member)

Leadership: Aída María Valdés

Santana.

Asistentes: Regina del Sol, Fidel

Hernández, Caren Pérez.

Objectives: To gather information regarding human rights violations and submit a monthly report to the Organization of American States (OAS). To update political prisoner lists and conduct a joint effort to achieve common goals, spreading, both at home

and abroad, news of the prevailing situation.

Membership: 15 members

Location: Neptuno 1055 apt. 31, entre Espada y San Francisco, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 870 6359

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. Additional information: Vladimiro Roca Antúnez and René Gómez Manzano are two of the most renowned leaders of the national internal

opposition, imprisoned for co-authoring

"The Homeland Belongs to Us All."

Name: ONG Instituto Cubano del Derecho (Cuban Law Institute, NGO)

Founded: May 20, 2001

Leadership: Carlos Alberto Domínguez

González.

Objectives: To protect and inform about

human rights.

Membership: 25 members

Location: María Luisa no. 64, entre Estela y Sofía, Párraga, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 446509

Additional information: Domínguez González was released on June 8, 2004, after having been incarcerated awaiting trial for over two years.

Name: Organización Independiente de Derechos Humanos "Escambray" ("Escambray" Independent Organisation for Human Rights)

Leadership: Arturo Pérez Alejo Location: Juan Bruno Zayas no. 113, entre Jesús Menéndez y Juan Pardo Ferrer, Manicaragua, Villa Clara. National affiliation: Assembly to

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Arturo Pérez de Alejo was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political

crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Partido Cubano de Derechos Humanos Independiente de Camagüey (Cuban Independent Human Rights Party of Camagüey)

Founded: 1994

Leadership: Fernando Silvino de los

Ríos López.

Objectives: The nonviolent struggle for democracy, assistance for political prisoners and public denunciation of human rights violations.

Membership: 40 members

Location: San Esteban no. 51 apt. 3, entre Roloff y Lancero, La Sambrana, Camagüey.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Partido Cubano de Renovación Ortodoxa, PCRO (Cuban Orthodox Renewal Party)

Founded: February 24, 1997

Leadership: Carlos Douglas Quesada

Ruiz.

Objectives: National salvation program.

Membership: 35 members.

Location: Capdevila 23, entre Pérez Andrés y Patricio Lumumba, Reparto

Los Olmos, Santiago de Cuba.

Telephone: (53-226) 6627372 (leave

messages to Ana María)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Partido Cubano Demócrata Cristiano (Christian Democratic Party of Cuba)

Founded: 1959. On that date, José Ignacio Rasco named it Cuban Christian Democratic Movement. In 1994 it adopted its current name within the country.

Founded by: María Valdés Rosado (President); Jesús Castillo Hernández (Vicepresident); Isabel del Pino Sotolongo (Vicepresident); Enrique Rodríguez Núñez (Vicepresident): Azalea Ballester; Rosa María Campos; Alejandro Castillo; José Ramón Pellicer; Francis Sánchez; Victoria Sosa (representatives in Ciego de Ávila); Raúl Fernández Hidalgo; Nelson Rojas; Magaly Pino García; Dulce María Ramírez; Luis Alberto Valdés Molina (representative in Pinar del Río). Leadership: María Valdés Rosado **Objectives:** A nonviolent resolution of the Cuban crisis. Denunciation of human rights violations in Cuba. To promote freedom of association, conscience and

religion.

Location: Galiano no. 311, entre San Miguel y Neptuno, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de la Habana

Telephone: (537) 8636100

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Partido del Pueblo Cubano Ortodoxo (Orthodox Party of the Cuban People)

Founded: July 21, 2001

Leadership: Roberto Larramendi

Estrada.

Objectives: Continuation of Eduardo R. Chivás's political platform, revised to suit the needs of current Cuban affairs.

Membership: 300 members

Location: San Nicolás no. 204, apt. 2, 1er piso, entre Concordia y Virtudes, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 8622357

Name: José Martí-inspired Democratic Party (Partido Demócrata Martiano) Founded by: Juan Francisco Monzón Oviedo.

National affiliation: All United; Noel R. Pérez endorsed All United.

Name: Partido Democrático Cristiano "Hermanos al Rescate" ("Brothers to the Rescue" Christian Democratic Party)

Founded: May 16, 2000

Leadership: Ramón Moisés Ávila Pérez **Objectives:** To carry out humanitarian work; to uphold all 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **Location:** Calle 18 no. 2, entre Salvador.

Location: Calle 18 no. 2, entre Salvador Cisneros y 25 de Diciembre, Puerto

Padre, Las Tunas

Telephone: (53-31) 53155 **National affiliation:** Assembly to

Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Partido Democrático Cubano "30 de Noviembre Frank País" ("30 th of November" Frank País-inspired Cuban Democratic Party)

Founded: November 30, 1991

Founded by: Rafael Ibarra (President); Maritza Lugo Fernández; Marcos Lázaro Torres; José A. León; Miguel Astraín González; Yamilé Guerra Ibarra; Enma Gómez Viamonte; Juan Pablo P. García; Yadel Lugo Gutiérrez; Grisel Gadera Gómez; David de la Fe; Carlos Alberto Domínguez.

Leadership: Belkis Bárzaga Lugo, president; Rafael Ibarra Roque, honorary president.

Objectives: To build a democratic

society.

Membership: 3,600 miembros.

Location: Figueroa no. 352 1/2 apt. 10, entre Mariano y Vista Alegre, Víbora, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana. **National affiliation:** Assembly to

Promote Civil Society in Cuba; Marcos L. Torres endorsed All United.

Additional information: Ibarra Roque was given a 20-year prison sentence, and Julio César Álvarez López, was given a

19-year prison sentence. José Enrique Santana Carreira, Ricardo Ramos Pereira and Rafael Corrales Alonso have been incarcerated awaiting trial. Nelson Molinet Espino was given a 20-year prison sentence during the crackdown on dissidents on March 2004. Santana Carreira, Ramos Pereira, Corrales Alonso and Molinet Espino have fallen under the category of prisoners of conscience by Amnisty International.

Name: Partido Democrático Cubano 30 de noviembre "Frank País" (Manzanillo). ("Frank País" November 30 Democratic Party) (Manzanillo) Leadership: José A. Rebustillo Méndez. Location: Concepción no. 253, entre Concordia y San Salvador, Manzanillo, Granma.

Name: Partido Federalista (Federalist

Party)

Founded: May 20, 1992

Leadership: Omar Alexis Vigil Amat **Objectives:** To struggle for human rights and disseminate information on the Cuban situation.

Membership: 200 members.

Location: Calle La Rúa s/n, entre Final y Real, Cojímar, Habana del Este,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Partido Liberal Cristiano

(Christian Liberal Party)

Leadership: Onelio E. Fontaine

Location: Calle José Licea no. 6, entre

Flor Crombet y Calle 6, Reparto

Aguilera, Las Tunas

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Partido Liberal Democrático de Cuba (Cuban Democratic Liberal Party)

Founded: 1991

Leadership: Héctor Maseda Gutiérrez, president; Julia Cecilia Delgado, acting president. **Objectives:** To push for a democratic transition and the rule of law.

Description: It has members and affiliated clubs in 10 provinces.

Membership: 1 400 members (400 activists and 1 000 collaborators)
Location: 20 de Mayo no.531, apto.
B14, entre Marta Abreu y Línea, Cerro,

Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: All United. **International affiliation:** Member of

the Liberal International (LI).

Additional information: Following the March 2003 crackdown on political dissidence, Osvaldo Alfonso Valdés and Héctor Maseda Gutiérrez received 18- and 20-year prison sentences, respectively. According to Amnesty International, they fall under the "prisoner of conscience" category.

Name: Partido Liberal Progresista (Progressive Liberal Party)

Leadership: Norberto Dorta Sánchez Location: Martí no. 130 (interior), apt. 3, entre Guasimal y Nueva Gerona, Reparto Callejas, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Name: Partido Ortodoxo Cubano

(Cuban Orthodox Party) **Founded:** August 1999

Leadership: Nelson Alberto Aguiar Ramírez. Arsenio Pérez León, delegate in Habana del Este; and Jorge Luis Matías, delegate in Pinar del Río. Objectives: To fight corruption at all

levels of public administration.

Location: Línea no. 701, Vedado, Plaza,

Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 35533

Membership: 187 members

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. Additional information: Nelson Alberto Aguiar Ramírez was given a 13-

year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by

Amnesty International.

Name: Partido Popular Cubano (Cuban

Popular Party)

Leadership: Reinerio Ramón Rocha

Abreu.

Location: Calle 3ra no. 83, entre G y H, Miraflores Viejo, Boyeros, Ciudad de La

Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Name: Partido Popular Joven Cuba ("Young Cuba" Popular Party)

Founded: January 2001

Leadership: Rafael E. Ávila Pérez; Javier García Pérez, secretary for communications.

Objectives: To achieve political change

Membership: 122 members, with

offices in 6 provinces

Location: Calle Zapote no. 310, entre San Julio y Durege, Santo Suárez,

Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 982815

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Partido por la Democracia Cubana (Party for Cuban Democracy)

Founded: September 22, 2001

Leadership: Aldo Nieves Rodríguez **Objectives:** To establish democracy

Membership: 16 members

Location: Pobre 768, apt. 4, entre San

José y Francisquito, Camagüey **Telephone:** (53-32) 86700 (leave

messages to Alejandro)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Partido por la Democracia Pedro Luis Boitel ("Pedro Luis Boitel" Party for Democracy).

Founded: May 25, 1999.

Leadership: Félix Navarro Rodríguez, president; Iván Hernández Carrillo, vicepresident; Tomás Fernández Tiher, vicepresident; Emilio Bringas Dévora, national organizer.

Location: Calle Peatonal C, no.6, Las

Canteras, Perico, Matanzas.

Sitio web: http://cubademocracia.com Email: info@cubademocracia.com

Additional information: Following the March 2003 crackdown on political dissidence. Félix Navarro Rodríguez and Iván Hernández Carrillo received 25- and 20-year prison sentences, respectively. According to Amnesty International, they fall under the "prisoner of conscience" category.

Name: Partido Pro Derechos Humanos de Cuba (Pro-Human Rights Party of Cuba)

Founded: August 1996

Leadership: René Montes de Oca; Luis González Medina, delegate in Havana province; Israel García López, delegate in Jaruco; Félix Sánchez Rodríguez, delegate in Camagüey.

Objectives: Nonviolent political change, without dialogue with the government. Enforcement of all 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: the defense of political prisoners.

Membership: 45 members

Location: Calle Sagua no. 355, entre Baire y Ariguanabo, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 443366 (leave

message to neighbor)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba **International affiliation:** "Andres Sajarov" Foundation.

Additional information: Emilio Leyva Pérez and Lázaro Miguel Rodríguez Capote, were incarcerated awaiting trial for over two years. They were released on June 2004. Félix Gerardo Vega Ruiz, has been seven years in jail. Following the March 2003 crackdown on political dissidence, Horacio Julio Piña was given a 20-years prison sentence. According to Amnisty International, Leyva Pérez, Rodríguez Capote and Piña fall under the category of political prisoners.

Name: Partido Republicano Cubano

(Cuban Republican Party)

Leadership: Manuel de Jesús Díaz

Preval.

Location: Pasaje 1 no. 9, entre 13 y Bravo Correazo, Reparto Santa Bárbara,

Santiago de Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: Partido Social Demócrata de Cuba, PSC, (Social Democratic Party of Cuba)

Founded: July 1996

Leadership: Vladimiro Roca

Objectives: To support self-employed workers, independent farmers, cooperatives' farmers and small producers in their endeavours, as well as their right to invest in the national economy and create businesses in the service and manufacturing sectors. To uphold the freedoms of expression, the press, assembly and association, and human rights in general. To call for a non-exclusive national reconciliation process. To bolster civil society and accomplish unity among Cuban

domestic and exiled opposition organizations.

Description: It believes that state repression, the lack of freedom and the government's attempts to perpetuate itself in power, compel social democrats to set themselves a minimal set of goals. It is a member of the Socialist International, where it holds "permanent guest" status.

Location: Calle 36 no. 105, Nuevo Vedado, Ciudad de La Habana, C.P. 1060.

Telephone: (7) 8818203 E-mail: infopsc@psccuba.org Web site: http://www.pscuba.org/ National affiliation: All United International affiliation: Member of the Socialist International with Permanent Visitor status.

Additional information: Vladimiro Roca is one of the most renowned leaders of the internal opposition, imprisoned for co-authoring "The Homeland Belongs to Us All." He is one of the most important leaders of All United.

Name: Partido Solidaridad Democrática (Democratic Solidarity Party) Founded: December 10, 1993 Founded by: Héctor Palacios Ruiz; Jesús Zúñiga (Head of the resource center); Fernando Sánchez López (President); Pastor Herrera; Macurán (Public Relations); Adolfo Fernández Saínz: Raúl Rivero: Juan Paras Izquierdo; Rubén Montano; Susan Ramos; Gonzalo Mediavilla; Juan Aguilar Fierro (Pinar del Río); Caridad Falcón Vento (Pinar del Río); Lillian Lores Hechevarría (Pinar del Río); María Antonia Escobedo (Santiago de Cuba); Rafael Abreu Manzu (Santiago de Cuba); Humberto Guerrero Castro (Santiago de Cuba); José Ángel Peña

(Granma); Nidia Espinosa Cabrales (Granma); Arístides Cisneros Roque; Francis Capanería (Camagüey); Mercedes Ruiz Fleites (Santa Clara); Omar Ruiz Hernández (Santa Clara); Iván Hernández (Colón); Félix Navarro Rodríguez (Perico); Pedro A. González Rodríguez (Habana); Héctor Peraza Linares; Gisela Delgado Sablón; Marisela Pompa; Armando Peña Guzmán (Vice-delegate for Las Tunas); Rigoberto Díaz Cutiño (Las Tunas) Leadership: Fernando Sánchez López, president; Omar Vilar, vicepresident. **Objectives:** To push for a democratic transition. To find a legitimate and definitive resolution to the Cuban crisis through a popular referendum. **Initiatives:** A campaign for a plebiscite and nonviolent progression toward democracy. In May 1998, invoking Pope John Paul II's message of solidarity and reconciliation to the Cuban people, the Democratic Solidarity Party called on the internal opposition groups and government representatives to engage in nation-wide dialogue. "This appeal proclaims nonviolence and the inclusion of all sides in the Cuban political landscape, as the main requisites for dialogue." "We wish to conduct it with the spiritual blessing and mediatory support of the Cuban Catholic Church." Discussion topics for the dialogue should cover the various alternative crisis resolution projects and proposals submitted by different organizations. These include the Varela Project of the Christian Liberation Movement, the Arcos Principles of the Cuban Committee for Human Rights, and the Proposal for a democratic transition in Cuba of the Cuban Social Democratic Current, as well as the campaign for a plebiscite and nonviolent progression

toward democracy of the Democratic

Solidarity Party.

Membership: 2 000 members

Galiano y San Nicolás, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** 2063946

E-mail: gladyperez@aol.com National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Name: Partido Unión Nacional de Opositores (National United Opposition

Party)

Founded: September 8, 1997

Leadership: Galman Rodríguez Acosta **Objectives:** To oppose totalitarianism, uphold human rights and obtain amnesty for all prisoners of conscience and political prisoners.

Membership: 350 members

Location: Calle 2da, entre 1ra y Altura del Rosario, Güinera, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de la Habana **Telephone:** (537) 326390

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Partido Paz, Democracia y Libertad (Peace, Democracy and

Freedom Party)

Founded: September 24, 1998 **Leadership:** Diosdado Marrero

González

Objectives: To achieve democracy through civil disobedience and the enforcement of the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Membership: 15 members

Location: Santa Rita no. 29, entre

Maceo y Santa Teresa, El Roque, Perico,

Matanzas.

Telephone: (53-5) 377380 (leave messages to Mery or Pedro)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All United.

Additional information: Diosdado González Marrero was given a 20-year prison sentence, following the repression of March 2003. According to Amnisty International, he falls under the category of prisoner of conscience.

Name: Plataforma Democrática Oriental (Democratic Platform of Eastern Cuba)

Founded: 1993

Leadership: Gilberto Julio Mora Sans-

Yustis

Objectives: Transition to democracy and observance of human rights

Membership: 25 members

Location: Lenin no. 68, entre Máximo Gómez y Ángel Ameijeiras, Puerto

Padre, Las Tunas.

Telephone: (53-31) 82125 (leave

messages)

Name: Presos Políticos del Movimiento HFD (HFD Movement's Political

Prisoners)

Leadership: Amílcar Paredes **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Proyecto Apertura de la Isla, PAIS (Project for the Political Opening of the Island)

Founded: 1991

Leadership: Sergio Pérez Font **Objectives:** To explore avenues for nonviolent political change in the country. Enforcement of human rights.

Location: Corrales no. 664, entre Carmen y Figuras, Habana Vieja,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 786697 (leave messages to Gladys González) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Proyecto Demócrata Cubano

(Cuban Democratic Project) **Founded:** November 27, 1996

Founded by: Rafael León Rodríguez (President); Elizabeth Jiménez Sánchez; Rosa María Rodríguez Torrado; René

Pintueres León.

Objectives: To build a Christian social

democratic alternative. **Membership:** 50 members

Location: Avenida 7ma no. 49405, altos, entre 494 y 494 A, Guanabo, Habana del Este, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 962636 **E-mail:** prodecu@hotmail.com **Web site:** http://prodecu.org/

International affiliation: Affiliated with the Christian Democratic Organization of America (ODCA) since

1998.

Name: Sociedad Cívica Cubanos por la Libertad ("Cubans for Freedom" Civic Society)

Leadership: Arturo M. Colomar Puig. **Location:** Trinidad no. 166, entre Gallo

y Jovito, Santiago de Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to

Promote Civil Society

Name: Tamarindo 34-Derechos Humanos (Human Rights-Tamarindo 34).

Founded: July 20, 1999 **Leadership:** Migdalia Rosado

Hernández.

Objectives: Upholding of human rights.

Membership: 10 members

Location: Tamarindo no. 34, apt. 5B, entre Rabí y Ave. 10 de Octubre, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Unión Cívica Nacional (National

Civic Union)

Founded by: Joaquín Rafael Martínez

(President); Esteban Pérez Castillo; Nelson Vázquez; Norma de la Paz Flores; Laura Espinosa Ríos.

National affiliation: Ramón S. López

endorsed All United.

Name: Unión Cristiana Demócrata Independiente (Independent Democratic

Christian Association) **Founded:** October 10, 1993 **Leadership:** José Orbeín Estenoz

Mederos.

Location: Tejadillo no. 111, entre Habana y Aguiar, Habana Vieja, Ciudad

de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 628277

Name: Unión de Activistas Pro Derechos Humanos "Golfo de Guacanayabo" ("Golfo de Guacanayabo" Human Rights Activists Union)

Founded: 1994

(Vicepresident).

Founded by: Marta Gómez Araoz (Information Dissemination, nation-wide); Jorge Guillén; Adolfo Miranda; Orlando Pedrera (Organizing Secretary); Lázaro Dopacio; Ada Jiménez; Marcel de la Cruz Mitjans; Roberto Porra Borrego; José Eduardo Estévez Ortiz; Esteban Pérez Castillo (Coordinator for the municipality of 10 de Octubre); José E. Ortiz Estévez; Raúl Dimas; Evelio Ruiz González; Agustín Figueredo; Mirta Leyva López Chávez

Leadership: Cruz Delia Aguilar Mora **Objectives:** Protection of human rights. Amnesty for all political prisoners. Repatriation of those who have had to go into exile, should they choose to do so. Political pluralism leading to the organization of a Constituent Assembly

Membership: 23 members

Location: 4ta Avenida no. 39, entre 5 y 7, Reparto Nuevo, Manzanillo, Granma.

Telephone: (53-23) 6354451

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. Additional information: Despite a serious chronic kidney condition requiring a transplant to ensure his survival, Julio Antonio Valdés Guevara was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March, 2003 crackdown on political dissidence. After serving one year in jail, he was allowed to serve out the remainder of his sentence in house arrest. According to Amnisty International, he falls under the category of porisoner of conscience.

Name: Unión de Ex Presos Políticos "Ignacio Agramonte", de Camagüey "Ignacio Agramonte" Former Political Prisoners Union of Camagüey)

Founded by: Reiler Ramírez Muñiz; Juan Enrique Rodríguez Arango; Marcelino Soto Caballero.

Leadership: Manuel Rodríguez Rodríguez.

Location: Calle 4 no. 254, entre Gonzalo Mareno y Avenida Van Horme, Reparto Garrido, Zona Postal 10, Camagüey.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All United.

Name: Unión de Jóvenes Democráticos de Cuba (Democratic Youth Union of Cuba)

Leadership: Lázaro Lemus González. **Location:** Localidad Rural El Tejar, San Cristóbal, Pinar del Río.

Name: Unión Patriótica Cristiana Independiente (Independent Christian

Patriotic Union)

Founded: October 10, 1993

Leadership: Evaristo Emilio Pérez

Rodríguez.

Objectives: Upholding the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Membership: 2 320 members

Location: Calle 160 no. 6512, entre 65 y 69, La Lisa, Marianao, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 2609411

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba

Independent Journalist Associations

Name: Agencia "Abdala" ("Abdala"

Agency.

Founded: February 4, 2000 **Leadership:** Rafael Ferro Salas

Location: Calle 5ta, edificio 20, apt. 6, Reparto Hermanos Cruz, Pinar del Río

Telephone: (53-82) 63840

Fax: (53-82) 63840

Name: Agencia Camagüeyana de Prensa "El Mayor" ("*El Mayo*r" News Agency

of Camagüey)

Founded: October 3, 2001

Leadership: Ramón Hugo Armas

Guerrero.

Location: Calle 6 no. 14, entre A y B,

Guernica, Camagüey

Telephone: (53-32) 283130 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Agencia Cartas de Cuba ("Letters from Cuba" Agency)

Founded: April 2001

Leadership: Gilberto Figueredo Álvarez

Location: Pasaje A no. 17, entre Desagüe y Peñalver, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 8772414; (537)

8678469.

Name: Agencia Cuba-Verdad (Cuba-

Truth Agency)

Founded: January 6, 1997

Leadership: José Antonio Fornaris

Ramos.

Location: Embill no. 8114, apt. B-1, entre 6 y 8, Boyeros, Ciudad de La

Habana.

Telephone: (537) 982004

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Additional information: Carlos

Domínguez González, a journalist affiliated with Cuba-Verdad, remained in custody for over two years, awaiting trial. He was released in June 2004 and was considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Agencia Cubana Independiente de Información Lux Info Press

Information Agency) **Founded:** March 1998

Leadership: Alicia del Carmen Zamora

Labrada.

Location: Calle Arday no. 363, edificio 2, apt. 30, entre Florida y Escambray, Vieja Linda, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de la Habana.

Telephone: (537) 446974

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Agencia de Prensa Cívica de Cuba, APRECI, (Civic Press Agency from Cuba)

Founded: October 20, 2001 **Leadership:** Julio César Gálvez

Rodríguez.

Location: Francos no. 10, apt. 53, entre Salvador Allende y Estrella, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 8784348

Name: Agencia de Prensa Cuba Free Press (Cuba Free Press Press Agency)

Founded: July 1st, 1997

Leadership: María del Carmen Carro

Gómez.

Location: Humboldt no. 7, apt. 402, entre Marina y Hospital, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephon**e: (537) 8709243

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Agencia de Prensa "Cuba Press"

("Cuba Press" News Agency)

Founded: 1995

Leadership: Raúl Rivero Castañeda **Location:** Cuchillo de Zanja no. 19, 1er piso, entre Rayo y San Nicolás, Centro

Habana, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 8633232

International affiliation: Recognized by the Inter American Press Association

(IAPA)

Additional information: Raúl Rivero Castañeda is a journalist, widely regarded as one of the most important poets of his generation. In 1991, he signed the Letter from the Intelligentsia, addressed to the Cuban government and requesting a democratic aperture in the island. He is a regional vice-president of the Inter-American Press Association's Committee on Freedom of the Press and Information, and Member of the World Association of Newspapers (WAN) Press Freedom Committee. He has been bestowed several awards, including the Reporters Without Borders' Press Freedom Award (Paris, 1997); the Maria Moor Cabot Award (Columbia University, New York, 1999); and UNESCO's Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize (2004). He was included in the International Press Institute (IPI)'s list of 50 World Press Freedom Heroes of the second half of the 20th Century. Rivero was given a 20-year prison sentence following the repression of March 2003. According to Amnisty

International, Rivero falls under the category of prisoner of conscience. He was released on November 30, 2004.

Name: Agencia de Prensa "Cuba Voz"

("Cuba Voice" Press Agency)

Founded: 1991

Leadership: Juan Carlos Linares

Balmaseda.

Location: Juan Alonso no. 410, altos, entre Municipio y Rodríguez, Luyanó, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 982004

National affiliation: Reinaldo Marco

endorsed All United.

Name: Agencia de Prensa "Habana Press" ("Habana Press" Agency)

Founded: 1995

Leadership: Jorge Olivera Castillo **Location:** Cuchillo de Zanja no. 19 1er piso, entre Rayos y San Nicolás, Centro

Habana, Ciudad de la Habana
Telephone: (537) 8633232
National affiliation: All United.
Additional information: Jorge Olivera
Castillo and Miguel Galván Gutiérrez
were given 18-and 26-year prison
sentences respectively, following the
repression of March 2003. Both have
been considered prisoners of conscience,
by Amnisty International. Jorge Olivera
was released from prison in December

Name: Agencia de Prensa Independiente Centro Norte del País (Northern Center of the Country Independent Press Agency)

Founded: August 7, 1996

2004.

Leadership: Edel José García Díaz Location: Campanario no. 222, 3er piso, apt. 37A, entre Concordia y Virtudes, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 8678469 **National affiliation:** All United.

Additional information: Edel José García Díaz was given a 15-year prison sentence, following the repression of March 2003. According to Amnisty International, he falls under the category of prisoner of conscience. Edel García was released on December 2004.

Name: Agencia de Prensa Independiente "Félix Varela" [Camagüey] ("Félix Varela" Independent Press Agency)

Founded: November 2001.

Leadership: Mario Enrique Mayo

Hernández.

Location: Heredia no. 8, entre San Ramón e Industria, C.P. 70100,

Camagüey.

Telephone: (53-32) 298394 **Additional information:** Mario E. Mayo Hernández was given a 20-year prison sentence, following the repression of March 2003. According to Amnisty International, he falls under the category of prisoner of conscience.

Name: Agencia de Prensa Independiente "Línea Sur Press" ("Línea Sur Press" Independent News Agency)

Founded: 1996

Leadership: Juan González González

Location: Municipio Aguada de Pasajeros Timalgail, entre P. Agüero y Pérez, Aguada de Pasajeros, Cienfuegos

Telephone: (53-432) 507 (public,

nighttime)

Name: Agencia de Prensa Independiente "Patria" ("Patria" Independent Press Agency)

Founded: March 5, 1999

Leadership: Antonio Femenías

Echemendía.

Location: Simón Reyes no. 26, entre Libertad e Independencia, Ciego de

Àvila.

Telephone: (53-33) 23896

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All United.

Additional information: Following the March 2003 crackdown on political dissidence, CCDHRN members Adolfo Fernández Saínz and Pablo Pacheco Ávila received 15- and 20-year prison sentences, respectively. According to Amnesty International, they fall under the "prisoner of conscience" category.

Name: Agencia de Prensa "Libertad"

("Freedom" Press Agency) **Founded:** March 1998

Leadership: José Luis García Paneque **Location:** Emilio González no. 63, entre Eliades Ávila y José Licea, Reparto

Aguilera, Las Tunas.

Telephone: (53-31) 42910 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: José Luis García Paneque was given a 24-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Agencia de Prensa Libre Avileña (Free Press Agency of Ciego de Avila)

Founded: October 10, 2001 **Leadership:** José Caraballo Bravo

Location: Honorato del Castillo no. 154, entre República y Cuba, Ciego de Ávila

Telephone: (53-33) 22235 (leave messages to González Leyva) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: On April 27, 2004, legal proceedings in Case # 66 of 2002 resulted in a 3 1/2-year prison sentence for Léxter Téllez Castro, as well as other members of the Cuban Human Rights Foundation. Although during the trial Téllez Castro testified that he had acted on behalf of the Cuban Security services as

undercover agent "Ignacio," according to witnesses, he expressed regrets over his actions and was apparently sent to jail.

Name: Agencia de Prensa Libre Oriental, APLO (Eastern Free Press Agency)

Leadership: Agencia de Prensa Libre

Oriental (APLO)

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Agencia de Prensa Occidental

(Western Press Agency)

Leadership: Lourdes Hernández **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Agencia de Prensa "Sancti Spiritus Press" ("Sancti Spiritus Press" Agency)

Founded: January 17, 2001

Leadership: Juan Antonio Vera Freire **Location:** Alfonso no. 53, entre Camilo Cienfuegos y Yara, Sancti Spiritus

Telephone: (53-41) 52664

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Agencia de Prensa "Santiago Press" ("Santiago Press" agency)

Founded: 1997

Leadership: Alina Ramírez Carbonell **Location:** Callejón América no. 25, entre Barnada y San Agustín, Santiago de Cuba.

Telephone: (53-226) 652974 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Agencia de Prensa Sindical Independiente (Independent Union Press Agency)

Founded: November 28, 1997

Leadership: Carmelo Díaz Fernández **Location:** Neptuno 307, apt. 17, entre Galiano y Águila, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 863 2208.

Additional information: Carmelo Díaz Fernández was given a 15-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. He was released on June 16, 2004.

Name: Agencia Noticiosa Cubana

(Cuban News Agency)

Leadership: Eduardo Gutiérrez Estrada **Location:** Calle 17 no. 213, entre 6 y 8, Reparto Ampliación de San Matías, San Miguel del Padrón, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Mijail Barzaga Lugo was given a 18-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Agencia Nueva Prensa Cubana

(New Cuban Press Agency) **Founded:** July 17, 1997

Leadership: Omar Rodríguez Saludes **Location:** Cuchillo de Zanja no. 15, primer piso, entre Rayo y San Nicolás, Centro Habana, Ciudad de la Habana

Telephone: (537) 8633232

National affiliation: All United.

Additional information: Omar Rodríguez Saludes was given a 27-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Agencia Pueblo Libre [Ciudad de La Habana] ("Free People" Agency)

Founded: 1998

Leadership: José Vázquez Cabrera **Location:** Calle C no. 157, apt. 4, entre Línea y Calzada, Vedado, Plaza, Ciudad

de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 8322183.

Name: Agencia Unión de Periodistas y Escritores Cubanos Independientes, UPECI ("Cuban Independent Journalists

and Writers Union" Agency) **Founded:** December 25, 1995 **Leadership:** Farah de la Caridad

Armenteros.

Location: Avenida Acosta no. 208, apt.

6, entre 4ta y 5ta, Lawton, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 982815

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Additional information: Victor Rolando Arroyo Carmona was given a 26-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Buró de Prensa "24 de Febrero"

("February 24" Press Bureau) **Founded:** February 24, 1998 **Leadership:** María de los Ángeles

Tejedor Cáceres.

Membership: 8 members

Location: San Rafael no. 313, 1er piso apt. 9, entre Rayo y San Nicolás, Centro

Habana, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 8631259

Name: Buró de Prensa "30 de

Noviembre Frank País" ("November 30

Frank País" Press Bureau) **Founded:** March 23, 2001

Leadership: Delfín Travers Acosta

Membership: 4 members.

Location: Avenida 51 no. 10816, entre 108 y 110, Marianao, Ciudad de La

Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Centro Nacional de Formación de Cultura y Prensa "José Martí" ("José Martí" National Journalism Training Center)

Founded: February 4, 2000

Objectives: To teach journalistic skills

to members of the opposition. **Membership:** 9 members

Location: Calle 5ta, edificio 20, apt. 6, Reparto Hermanos Cruz, Pinar del Río.

Telephone: (53-82) 63840

Fax: (53-82) 63840

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Colegio de Periodistas Independientes de Camagüey (Camagüey's Independent Journalists College)

Founded: September 18, 2000 Leadership: Normando Hernández

González.

Membership: 7 members

Location: Calle Buena Esperanza no. 18, entre H y Luz, Vertientes, Camagüey

Telephone: (53-32) 37564

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Carlos Brizuela Yero has been incarcerated, awaiting trial. Normando Hernández González was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Cooperativa Avileña de Periodistas Independientes (Independent Journalists' Cooperative from Ciego de Avila)

Leadership: Pedro Argüelles Morán Location: Pasaje D no. 205 A, entre 4ta y 5ta, Reparto 9 de Abril, Ciego de Ávila. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; Jesús J. Díaz endorsed All United. Additional information: Pedro Argüelles Morán was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March

2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by

Amnesty International.

Name: Federación de Periodistas Cubanos "José Martí" ("José Martí" Federation of Cuban Journalists) Leadership: Ramón Hugo Armas Guerrero.

Location: Calle 6 no. 14, entre A y B,

Guernica, Camagüey

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Fundación de Periodistas Independientes Asociados (Foundation of Associated Independent Journalists.

Founded: October 2, 2001

Leadership: Jesús Zúñiga Silverio

Membership: 12 members

Location: Lealtad no. 612, primer piso, apt. 1, entre Reina y Salud, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana Telephone: (537) 863 9425; (537) 863

3397.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promte Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Grupo de Trabajo Periodístico y Literario Decoro ("Decorum"

Journalistic and Literary Work Group)

Founded: January 1999.

Founded by: Manuel Vázquez Portal. (President); Armando Añel Guerrero (Vice President); Sergio Cevedo Sosa (Vice President); Aurora García del Busto; Manuel Larrañaga Sardiñas; Héctor F. Maceda Gutiérrez; Claudia Márquez Linares; Yaquelín Rumbaut Pous.

Leadership: Claudia Márquez Linares **Location:** División no. 15 altos, entre Estrella y Maloja, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (7) 8629204 (leave messages to Ernesto or Anita)

National affiliation: Manuel Vázquez

Portal signed All United.

Additional information: Manuel Vázquez Portal, José U. Izquierdo Hernández and Omar Ruiz Hernández were given from 16 to 18-year prison sentences, following the repression of March 2003. Vázquez Portal was released on June 23, 2004. According to Amnisty International, the three fall under the category of prisoners of conscience. Vázquez Portal was released from prison on June 23, 2004.

Name: La Voz del Cauto (Voice of

Cauto)

Founded: June 8, 2001

Leadership: Juan Carlos Martínez

Núñez

Location: Francisco Vicente Aguilera no. 248, entre Milanés y Martínez,

Bayamo, Granma.

Telephone: (53-23) 425324

Fax: (53-23) 423416

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Sociedad de Periodistas "Manuel Márquez Sterling" ("Manuel Márquez Sterling" Journalists' Association.

Founded: August 31, 2001

Leadership: Ricardo González Alfonso; Jesús Álvarez Castillo, delegate in Ciego de Avila.

Objectives: To promote professional self-improvement among independent journalists.

Membership: 55 members

Location: Calle 86 no. 719, entre 7ma y

9na, Playa, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 2094818

Additional information: Ricardo González Alfonso was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Independent Libraries

Name: "BIBLIORED" Independent

Libraries Project.

Leadership: María López

Location: Calle Florida no.168, entre Vives y Puerta Cerrada, Habana Vieja,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Independent Libraries Project of

Cuba

Leadership: Gisela Delgado.

Location: Calle 25 no.866, apto.3, entre A y B, Vedado, Ciudad de La Habana,

CP.10400

Teléfono: (537) 302103.

Name: Proyecto de Bibliotecas Independientes Orientales (Eastern Independent Libraries Project). Leadership: César Román.

Name: "Haciendo Caminos"

Independent Libraries Project Network **Leadership**: María Elena Mir Marrero. **Location:** Avenida 5ta. D no. 47812 (interior, altos), entre 478 y 480, Guanabo, Ciudad de La Habana, CP: 19120. Ciudad de La Habana

National affiliation: Cuban Democratic

Coalition

Additional information: This library network includes the "Helen Martínez" independent library, managed by Mir Marrero and located in Guanabo, on the outskirts of Havana; Ignacio Agramonte, managed by Nereida Rodríguez, and located in Campo Florido; Cuba Verde, managed by Maura Orozco, and located

in Guanabacoa; Narciso López, managed by Lázaro Lemus, and located in San Cristóbal, Pinar del Río; and Benjamín Franklín, managed by Reinaldo Cosano Alén, and located in Guanabo.

Nombre: Proyecto Unión de Bibliotecas Democráticas, Humanitarias e Independientes de Cuba " Padre Francisco Santana". ("Padre Francisco Santana" Union of Democratic, Humanitarian and Independent Libraries Project of Cuba)

Leadership: Manuel de Jesús Infante.

Location: Las Tunas.

Additional information: This is one of four major independent library projects currently underway in Cuba and lays claim to a roster of 250 libraries.

Name: Asociación de Bibliotecarios Independientes Ambulatorios Para el Hogar (Association of Independent Mobile

Librarians)

Name: "Francisco Riverón Hernández"

Library.

Founded: November 2000 Leadership: Noel A. Montero.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 74 no. 9909, entre 99 y

103, Güines, La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "July 13th" Independent Library

Founded: June 6, 2000

Leadership: Rolando Álvarez Tendero.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle A no. 47, esquina a Carretera Central, Santa Cruz del Sur,

Camagüey.

Telephone: (53-32) 332948 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "March 13th" Independent

Library.

Founded: March 13, 2002. **Leadership:** Jesús García Leiva. **Specialty:** Computer training and

telecommunications.

Location: Avenida 19 no. 6623, esquina a 68, Buena Vista, Playa, Ciudad de La

Habana.

Telephone: (537) 2027479. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "May 20th" Independent

Library.

Founded: 2001

Leadership: Blas Giraldo Reyes

Specialty: General.

Location: Avenida 26 de Julio no.30, entre 3ra del Este y Ferrocarril, Reparto

Colón, Sancti Spiritus

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Additional information: Blas Giraldo Reyes was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "May 20th" Independent Library

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Founded: May 20, 2001

Leadership: Omar Pernet Hernández.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 2da del Oeste no. 124A, entre 5 y 6 Sur, Placetas, Villa Clara **Telephone:** (53-42) 82634 (leave

messages to Berta)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Additional information: Omar Pernet Hernández was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political

crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "October 20th" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Juvencio Corrales. **Location:** Entronque de Bueycito,

Bayamo, Granma.

Name: "February 24" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Leonardo Miguel Bruzón

Avila.

Location: Campanario no. 564, entre Dragones y Salud, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: AllUnited.

Additional information: Bruzón Avila was arrested on February 23, 2002. During several months, he remained incarcerated awaiting trial. According to Amnisty International, he falls under the category of prisoner of conscience.

Name: "June 27th" Independent

Library.

Founded: June 27, 2002 **Leadership:** Meidis Correa

Specialty: General

Location: Central Quintín Banderas (al lado del corrreo), Corralillo, Villa Clara.

Telephone: (53-42) 62123 (leave messages to Eloína Díaz, from Democracy Movement)

Name: "November 27th" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Aurora Pantoja.

Location: Calle B no. 47 apt. 2, entre 2da y Avenida del Rosario, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana. National affiliation: All United.

Name: "30th of November-Frank País"

Independent Library.

Founded: March 21, 2001

Leadership: Caridad González López

Specialty: General.

Location: Figueroa no. 352, 1/2 a 10, entre Marianao y Vista Alegre Víbora, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de la Habana National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "1868" Independent Library

Founded: March 30, 2000

Leadership: Luis Daniel Silva Quintana

Specialty: General.

Location: Capotico 363, entre Coronel Montero y Tristán, Jesús Medina, Reparto San Juan, Bayamo, Granma.

Telephone: (53-23) 423416 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Abraham Lincoln" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 2001

Leadership: Rodolfo Hugo Araña

Specialty: General.

Location: Logia no. 13012, esquina a Aballí, Reparto Playa, Matanzas. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Abraham Lincoln" Independent

Library.

Founded: April 13, 2001

Leadership: Lázaro La O Hernández

Specialty: History.

Location: Finca La Pedrera, Barrio Nuevo, San Juan y Martínez, Pinar del

Río.

Name: "Alejandría" Independent

Library.

Founded: November 2002

Leadership: José Álvarez Frómeta **Location:** Calle Aguilera 555-A, entre

Luz Caballero y Carlos Manuel,

Guantánamo.

Name: "Ambrosio René Oñate"

Independent Library.

Founded: November 26, 2000 **Leadership:** René Oñate Sixto

Specialty: General

Location: Virtudes no. 49, entre Recreo

y Vélez Caviades, Pinar del Río **Telephone:** (53-82) 5017 (neighbor)

Name: "Friends of Liberty" Independent

Library.

Founded: April 4, 2001

Leadership: Berta Peraza Fonte

Specialty: General

Location: Galiano no. 167, entre Colón

y Ciprián Valdés, Pinar del Río **Telephone:** (53-82) 2965 (leave

messages)

Name: "Love, Peace, Democracy and

Liberty" Independent Library. **Founded:** February 20, 2001

Leadership: Valentín Almiral Miranda

Specialty: General.

Location: Barrio Sur, Paradero, casa 17n, San Juan y Martínez, Pinar del Río.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Andrés Voisin" Independent

Library.

Founded: December 11, 2000 Leadership: Alberto Borges Specialty: Agriculture.

Location: Calle Libertad no. 38n, San

Juan y Martínez, Pinar del Río.

Name: "Angel Cofiño" Independent

Library.

Specialty: Labor unions.

Location: San José no.564, entre Lealtad y Escobar, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Additional information: The "Angel Cofiño" Library and the National Center for Labour Union Training have launched an

essay-writing contest under the title
"History of the Independent Labour Union
Movement in Today's Cuba."

Name: "Antonio Bachiller y Morales"

Independent Library. **Founded:** April 2001.

Leadership: Juan Carlos Martínez

Núñez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Francisco Vicente Aguilera no. 248, entre Milanés y Martínez,

Bayamo, Granma.

Telephone: (53-23) 425324

Fax: (53-23) 423416

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Antonio Maceo" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Marcia Pérez Castillo National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Aurora" Independent Library.

Founded: May 8, 2002.

Leadership: Jorge Santacana.

Specialty: General.

Location: Lacret 411, apt. 1, Santos Suárez, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de la

Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Bartolomé Masó" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Leonel Grave de Peralta **Location:** Calle 7ma final, Loma Blanca, Palmarito del Cauto, Palma

Soriano, Santiago de Cuba **Telephone:** (53-225) 3237

Additional information: Leonel Grave de Peralte was given a 20-year prison sentence

following the March 2003 political

crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Benjamín Franklin"

Independent Library.

Founded: January 28, 2001

Leadership: Reynaldo Cosano Alén

Specialty: General

Location: Calle 486 no. 7806, entre 7ma

y 9na, Guanabo, Habana del Este,

Ciudad de la Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 964987

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Bill Gates" Independent Library

Founded: February 4, 2000 **Leadership:** Alejandro Sánchez

Specialty: Informatics

Location: Calle Los Pinos, edificio 110,

apt. A-15, Reparto Hermanos Cruz,

Pinar del Río.

Telephone: (53-82) 63840 (leave

messages to Rafael Ferro).

Name: "Camilo Cienfuegos"

Independent Library.

Founded: Orestes Ginebra. **Location:** Calle 15 no. 6A, entre

Avenida C. González y 20, Reparto Progreso, Colombia, Las Tunas.

Name: "Capitana Adela Azcuy"

Independent Library. **Founded:** March 2, 2002

Leadership: Adlih Torres Santana

Specialty: General.

Location: Milanés no. 10, entre

Exhibier García y Santa Ana, Manguito,

Matanzas.

Telephone: (53-5) 378181 (neighbor) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Carlos J. Finlay" Independent

Library.

Founded: December 3, 1999.

Leadership: Pablo Gregorio Molina

Nieves.

Specialty: General medicine.

Location: Línea no. 63, Las Tunas. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Carlos Manuel de Céspedes"

Independent Library. **Founded:** 1998

Leadership: Marlene González Conexa

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Fe del Valle no.23, Barrio Alipio Carrillo, Amancio

Rodríguez, Las Tunas. **Telephone:** (53-31) 92760

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Carlos Manuel de Céspedes"

Independent Library.

Founded: December 1st, 2000 **Leadership:** "Carlos Manuel de Céspedes" Independent Library

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Infiesta, Edificio 2, apt. 64, entre 16 y William Soler, Perico,

Matanzas.

Telephone: (53-5) 377380 (leave

messages to Mery).

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Carlos Quintela" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Lázaro Martí.

Location: San Miguel 66, entre Gonzalo

y Dolores, Reparto Santa Amalia,

Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Centennial of the Republic"

Independent Library **Founded:** May 20, 2002

Leadership: Haydée Rodríguez

Rodríguez

Specialty: General.

Location: San Carlos no. 257, entre San Pedro y Santo Tomás, Santiago de Cuba Telephone: (53-226) 28791 (neighbor) National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "January 6th" Civic Independent

Library.

Founded: February 24, 2001 Leadership: Bárbaro Antonio Vela

Crego.

Specialty: Religion.

Location: Calle Universidad no. 253, entre Cruz del Padre y Nueva del Pilar, Habana Vieja, Ciudad de La Habana Telephone: (537) 8797265 (leave messages to Froilán, neighbor)
National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Rafters Committee for Freedom and Democracy" Independent Library.

Founded: November 7, 2001

Leadership: Bernardo Lázaro González

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 3ra s/n, entre Ensueño y Cantera, Reparto María Luisa, San Miguel del Padrón, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (7) 940091 (leave messages

to Orlando Aramburo)

National affiliation: Assembly to

Promote Civil Society.

Name: "New Cuba" Independent

Library.

Founded: April 26, 2000 Leadership: Isabel Corcova

Specialty: General

Location: Calle 3N no. 1151, esquina a 5 O, Reparto Pastorita, Guantánamo

Telephone: (53-21) 381676.

Name: "Green Cuba" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Reynaldo Cosano Alén;

Gema Romero.

Location: Calle 492A no. 5C 04, entre 5ta B y 5ta C, Guanabo, Habana del Este, Ciudad de La Habana, C.P 19120

Telephone: (537) 963008

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society; All United.

Name: "Cucalambé" Independent

Library.

Leadership: América Licea.

Location: Lucas Ortiz no. 194, entre A.

Villamar y F. Varona, Las Tunas

Telephone: (53-31) 49710 **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: "Cucalambé I" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Eva Facunda González **Location:** Calle Martí no. 92, Puerto

Padre, Las Tunas.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Democracy" Independent

Library.

Founded: February 20, 2001 **Leadership:** Ramón Trujillo

Specialty: General.

Location: Río Seco, La Ilda, Carretera a San Juan y Martínez, Pinar del Río.

Name: "Dignity" Independent Library

Founded: February 14, 2002

Leadership: Alexandry Torres Rivero **Specialty:** History and politics of the

Americas.

Location: Calle Martí no. 77, San Juan

y Martínez, Pinar del Río

Telephone: (53-82) 3196 (leave messages to Ramón Suárez, province representative of "November 30th"

Party)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Domingo Ramos" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Jesús I. Hernández

Location: Avenida 33 no. 10216, entre 102 y 108, Reparto Pastorita, Güines,

Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Dr. Evelio Rodríguez del Haya"

Independent Library. **Founded:** 2001.

Leadership: José Hidalgo Gato.

Specialty: Economics.

Location: José Hidalgo Gato.

Name: "Dulce María Loynaz"

Independent Library. **Founded:** May 11, 1999

Leadership: Gisela Delgado Sablón.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 25 no. 866 apt. 3, entre A y B, Vedado, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 302103.

Name: "Dulce María Loynaz"

Independent Library.

Leadership: Claudia Márquez Linares. **Location:** Vista Hermosa no. 608, apt. K5, entre Concepción y Santa Ana, Cerro, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Dulce María Loynaz"

Independent Library.

Leadership: Raúl Rivero Catañeda. **Location:** Peñalver no. 466 apt. 9, entre Oquendo y Franco, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana

National affiliation: All United. Additional information: Raúl Rivero Castañeda was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. He was released on November 30, 2004.

Name: "Eddy Chivás" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 28th, 2002

Leadership: Nelson A. Aguiar Ramírez

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 28 no. 157, apto. 15, entre 17 y 19, Vedado, Ciudad de La

Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba and All

United.

Additional information: Nelson Aguiar Ramírez was given a 13-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Eduardo René Chivás"

Independent Library. **Founded:** 1999

Leadership: Yassera Sessin Herrero

Specialty: General topics, and

information on the Orthodox Party and

its leader.

Location: Hermanos Villasana no. 20, Reparto Veguita de Galo, Santiago de

Cuba.

Name: "Elena Mederos" Independent

Library.

Founded: May 25, 2000 **Leadership:** Yolanda Triana.

Specialty: General.

Location: Sofía no. 330, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de la Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 446509 (leave

messages to Marcel)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote CivilSociety in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Eliseo Diego" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Víctor M. Domínguez. **Location:** San José no. 564, entre Lealtad y Escobar, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Emilia Casanova Rodríguez"

Independent Library.

Founded: October 2002

Leadership: Antonio Rojas.

Location: Calle San José no. 481, entre Industria y Obispo, Cárdenas, Matanzas.

Name: "Emilio Masperó" Independent

Library.

Founded: May 20, 2001.

Leadership: Alexandry Aguilar Sosa

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Maceo no. 20, entre Santa Catalina y Máximo Gómez, El

Roque, Perico, Matanzas.

Telephone: (53-45) 377380 (leave

messages to Mery)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Emmanuel-God with US"

Independent Library.

Founded: December 25, 2001

Leadership: Lázaro Iglesias Estrada.

Specialty: Religion.

Location: Gustavo Villenas no. 414,

Florida, Camagüey.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba and All

United.

Name: "Enrique José Varona"

Independent Library. **Founded:** February 2000.

Leadership: Joaquín Cabeza de León.

Specialty: Philosophy and Social

Sciences.

Location: Hermanos Cárdenas no. 26.

Camajuaní, Villa Clara.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Enrique Loynaz del Castillo"

Independent Library.

Founded: September 3, 1999 **Leadership:** Yusveli Pardo Pérez

Specialty: General

Location: Fructuoso Rodríguez no. 40,

Morón, Ciego de Ávila.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Ernest Hemingway"

Independent Library.

Founded: November 10, 2000 **Leadership:** Yeuris Parra Chacón

Specialty: General.

Location: Juan Ramón Ochoa 164, entre

Circunvalación y 48, Reparto La

Victoria, Las Tunas.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Ernesto Díaz Madruga"

Independent Library.

Leadership: Lázaro R. Méndez.

Location: Calle 37 no. 810, entre 8 y 10,

Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud.

National affiliation: Assembly to
Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Ernesto Lecuona" Independent

Library.

Founded: May 4, 2000

Leadership: Juan Bruno Basulto Morell

Specialty: Music.

Location: Edificio 31 apt. B9, Reparto

Buenavista, Las Tunas.

Name: "Escambray" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Felipe Gavillas Acosta

Location: Sandino C-74, Ramón López Peña, San Cristóbal, Pinar del Río.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Evangelina Cossío Cisneros II"

Independent Library. **Founded:** May 3, 2000 **Leadership:** Rebeca Chávez

Specialty: General

Location: Calle 37 no. 3203, entre 32 y 34, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud **Telephone:** (653-1) 23793 (leave

messages to Hubert)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "El Mayor" Independent Library.

Founded: February 24, 2004. **Leadership:** Eduardo González

Vázquez.

Location: Sedano no.99, entre Martí y

San Lorenzo, Camagüey.

Name: "Félix Varela" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Fernando Mexidor **Location:** Calle 35 no. 2-A, Nuevo Amancio Rodríguez, Las Tunas **Telephone:** (53-31) 92760.

Name: "Félix Varela La Habana"

Independent Library.

Founded: October 10, 1996
Leadership: Roberto de Miranda
Specialty: Children's literature
Location: Campanario no. 354, entre
San Rafael y San Miguel, Centro
Habana, Ciudad de La Habana.
Telephone: (537) 614000 (leave

messages to Elsa).

National affiliation: All United. Additional information: Roberto de Miranda was given a 20-year prison

sentence following the March 2003 political

crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. De Miranda was released from prison on June 23, 2004.

Name: "Fermín Valdés Domínguez"

Independent Library.

Founded: August 25, 2000

Leadership: Ingeniero Eddy de la Cruz

Specialty: General.

Location: León no. 3221, entre Purísima y San Salvador, Manzanillo, Granma. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Flora Alonso" Independent

Library.

Founded: December 10, 1999

Leadership: Osmundo Alonso Romero

Specialty: General.

Location: Dais no. 30810, entre San

Gabriel y Capricho, Matanza. **Telephone:** (53-52) 244887 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Francisco de Arango y Parreño"

Independent Library. **Founded:** April 2001

Leadership: Lázaro J. Martínez

Specialty: Politics.

Location: San Nicolás no. 206, entre Concordia y Virtudes, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Francisco Romero" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Noel Ascanio Montero **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: "Frank País" Independent

Library.

Founded: March 1st, 2001 **Leadership:** Angel Caballero.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 28 no. 283, Manzanillo, Granma.

Name: "Frank País García" Independent

Library.

Founded: April 7, 1998 **Leadership:** Alina Ramírez

Specialty: General

Location: Callejón América no. 25, entre Barnada y San Agustín, Santiago

de Cuba.

Telephone: (53-226) 652964 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Franz Kafka" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Gilberto Mora.

Location: Calle Lenin no. 68, entre M. Gómez y A. Ameijeiras, Puerto Padre,

Las Tunas.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Frederick Remington"

Independent Library. **Founded:** April 14, 2001.

Leadership: Irene Martínez Izquierdo **Specialty:** Economics and culture. **Location:** Este no. 805-07, apt. B-3, esquina a Conill, Nuevo Vedado, Plaza,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: "Gastón Baquero" Independent

Library.

Founded: April 4, 2002. **Leadership:** David Bacallao.

Specialty: General.

Location: San Martín no. 14, Amarillas,

Calimete, Matanzas.

Telephone: (53-5) 32845 (leave messages to Tomás Fernández) **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: "George Washington"

Independent Library. **Founded:** June 12, 2002

Leadership: Lucía Fara Hernández

Specialty: General.

Location: Emilio Núñez no. 66, Reparto

Carlos Manuel, Pinar del Río. **Telephone:** (53-82) 63650 (leave messages to Diana Margarita).

Name: "Gerardo González" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 16, 2000

Leadership: Norman Jorge Rodríguez

Specialty: General.

Location: San Pedro no. 157, entre San Ambrosio y San Mateo, Santiago de

Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda" Independent Library.

Founded: February 1999 **Leadership:** Julia C. Delgado

Specialty: General.

Location: 20 de Mayo no. 531, apt. B14, entre Marta Abreu y Línea, Cerro,

Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 784010 (leave

messages to Reinaldo)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda" Independent Library.

Founded: June 1999.

Leadership: Celia Jorge Ruiz.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calzada 10 de Octubre no. 698, entre Mario y Gustavo, Reparto Santa Amalia, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad

de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 445788.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda" Independent Library.

Founded: 2000.

Leadership: Carlos Brizuela.

Specialty: General.

Location: Avenida Carlos Manuel de Céspedes no. 101, entre 4 y 6, Céspedes,

Camagüey.

Name: " Gral. Pedro Betancourt Ávalos"

Independent Library.

Founded: November 16, 2000. **Leadership:** Miguel Sigler Amaya.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 22 no. 1910 B, entre 19 y 21, Pedro Betancourt, Matanzas.

Telephone: (45) 2721 (Antonio)

National affiliation: Assembly to

Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Miguel Sigler Amaya is incarcerated, awaiting trial, since the March 2003 crackdown on

dissidents.

Name: "Declaration of Baire"

Independent Librar.

Founded: April 26, 2000

Leadership: Rolando Monteagudo

Pérez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 186 no. 40914, entre 409 y 411, Santiago de las Vegas, Boyeros, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (683) 3642 (leave messages

to Gladis or Ricardo).

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Declaration of Yara"

Independent Library.

Founded: September 27, 2000. **Leadership:** Daniel Sariol Guevara

Specialty: General.

Location: Paseo de Martí no. 98, entre Perucho Figueredo y 10 de Octubre,

Yara, Granma.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Guillermo Cabrera Infante"

Independent Library.

Founded: January 13, 2002.

Leadership: Reinaldo Jiménez Yanset

Specialty: General.

Location: Avenida Camilo Cienfuegos no. 228, Reparto Buenavista, Las Tunas.

Name: "Heberto Padilla" Independent

Library.

Founded: February 2001.

Leadership: Magalys López García.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 1ra no. 28, entre C y D, Reparto El Rosario, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: 448885 (leave messages to

Tony).

Name: "Helen Martínez" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 28, 2001.

Leadership: María Elena Mir Marrero.

Specialty: Children's literature. **Location:** Avenida 5ta D no. 47812, entre 478 y 480, Guanabo, Habana del

Este, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Ignacio Agramonte"

Independent Library.

Founded: January 28, 2000

Leadership: Mirley Delgado Bombino

Specialty: General.

Location: Honorato del Castillo no. 154, entre República Y Cuba, Ciego de Ávila

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Ignacio Agramonte"

Independent Library.

Founded: October 10, 2000.

Leadership: María del Rosario Pérez

Rodríguez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Carretera de El Roque, Km.

1, Canaleta, Perico, Matanzas. **Telephone:** (53-5) 377380

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Ignacio Agramonte Loynaz"

Independent Library.

Founded: January 28, 2001

Leadership: Nereyda Rodríguez Rivero

Specialty: Children's literature. **Location:** Calle Martí no. 264, C interior, entre Mártires de Girón y Enrique Hart, Campo Florido, Habana del Este, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Ileana Ross Lehtinen"

Independent Library. **Founded:** 2001

Leadership: Reinold Núñez Vargas.

Specialty: General.

Location: Cooperativa Celestino Pacheco, Briones Montoto, Pinar del

Río.

Telephone: (53-84) 4722 (messages) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Ismaelillo" Independent

Library.

Founded: 1999.

Leadership: Idelfonso Hidalgo

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Ramón Mendoza 20,

Reparto La Victoria, Las Tunas.

Name: "Jan Palach" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 26, 2002 Leadership: Ginle Cubillas Specialty: Photography Location: Zona N, edifico 2, apt. 22,

Sandino, Pinar del Río

Telephone: (53-84) 2495 (Digna) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Jesús Díaz" Independent

Library.

Founded: May 13, 2002

Leadership: Israel Picayo Ortiz

Specialty: Journalism, photography and

Videography.

Location: Perseverancia no. 214, Centro

Habana, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 863 2516.

Name: "Jesús Díaz" Independent

Library.

Founded: October 22, 2001 **Leadership:** Beatriz del Carmen

Pedroso.

Specialty: Chidren's literature,

journalism and art.

Location: Francos no. 10, apt. 53, entre Salvador Allende y Estrella, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 8784348

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Jesús Yánez Pelletier"

Independent Library.

Founded: December 6, 2001. **Leadership:** Silvio Herrera Núñez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Carmen no. 324, entre Vives y Esperanza, Habana Vieja, Ciudad de

La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 8612396

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Jesús Yánez Pelletier"

Independent Library.

Founded: December 2002

Leadership: Xiomara Moncada

Almagro.

Location: Masó no. 61, esquina a Guadalupe, Manzanillo, Granma.

Name: "Jorge Mañach" Independent

Library.

Founded: August 1998.

Leadership: Ricardo González Alfonso

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 86 no. 719, entre 7ma y

9na, Playa, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 294818.

National affiliation: All United.

Additional information: Ricardo González

Alfonso was given a 20-year prison

sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of

conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Jorge Mas Canosa" Independent

Library.

Founded: February 26, 2001

Leadership: Léster González Pentón

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 1ra no. 28, entre A y Ríos, Reparto Ramón Ruiz del Sol,

Santa Clara, Villa Clara. **Telephone:** (53-422) 05832

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Léster González Pentón was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political

crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Jorge Mas Canosa" Independent

Library.

Founded: March 19, 2002

Leadership: Rogelio Manuel Menéndez **Specialty:** Civil disobedience and civic

literature.

Location: Martínez no. 356 (altos), apt. 2A, entre B y C, Lawton, 10 de Octubre,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 982815 (messages) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Jorge Mas Canosa" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Librada Álvarez Leyva. **Location:** Calle 2da no.63, esquina a D,

Reparto Jardín, Camagüey.

Name: "José A. Echeverría"

Independent Library.

Founded: December 10, 2000 Leadership: Noemí Sánchez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Carlos Manuel no. 811, entre

Prado y Aguilera, Guantánamo. **Telephone:** (53-21) 324211; 381676 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José Ángel Buesa" Independent

Library.

Founded: May 11, 2000.

Leadership: Adela Soto Álvarez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Avenida Rafael Ferro no.

486, Pinar del Río.

Telephone: (53-82) 3196 (leave

messages to Ana).

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José Antonio García Taboada"

Independent Library.

Founded: January 2, 2002

Leadership: Pedro Castellanos Pérez

Specialty: General.

Location: Avenida 70, apto. 1, entre 101

y 103, Buena Vista, Cienfuegos. **Telephone:** (53-432) 5805

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José Antonio Saco"

Independent Library.

Founded: February 26, 1999.

Leadership: José Manuel Orta Muiño

Specialty: General.

Location: Avenida 17 no. 605, entre 6 y

8, Caibarién, Villa Clara. **Telephone:** (53-42) 351766 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José de la Luz y Caballero"

Independent Library. **Founded:** April 28, 1998

Leadership: Dagoberto Reyes Prieto.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 12 no. 3303, entre 33 y

35, Caibarién, Villa Clara. **Telephone:** (53-42) 351767 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José de la Luz y Caballero"

Independent Library.

Leadership: Lázaro Boss Hinojosa.

Specialty: General.

Location: San Esteban no. 654, entre Lugareño y San Ramón, Camagüey. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José de la Luz y Caballero"

Independent Library. **Founded:** October 1998.

Leadership: María Fidelina Pérez

Castillo.

Specialty: General.

Location: Escudero no. 14 altos, entre Jagüey y San Jerónimo, Santiago de

Cuba.

Telephone: (53-226) 624390 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José Lezama Lima"

Independent Library. **Founded:** August 8, 2000

Leadership: Gladys González Noy

Specialty: General.

Location: Jovellar no. 1, apt. 83, entre Marina y Soledad, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 8786697

Name: "José Lezama Lima"

Independent Library.

Founded: October 20, 2001

Leadership: Evelio O. Rodríguez Díaz

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle África no. 15, entre Salud y Santo Domingo, Reparto 72,

Manicaragua, Villa Clara.

Telephone: (53-42) 491466 (messages).

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José Maceo Grajales"

Independent Library.

Leadership: Marcia Pérez.

Location: Escudero no. 14, entre Jagüey

y San Jerónimo, Santiago de Cuba.

Name: "José María Heredia"

Independent Library.

Founded: February 20, 1999

Leadership: Manuel de Jesús Infante **Specialty:** General and Ecology

Location: Calle 38 no. 46, entre 25 y 27, Reparto Fernando Betancourt, Las Tunas

Telephone: (53-31) 48709

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José María Rodríguez R."

Independent Library.

Founded: January 28, 2000

Leadership: Margarita Guillén Ramos

Specialty: General.

Location: Capdevila no. 23, entre Pérez Andrés y Patricio Lumumba, Reparto

Los Olmos, Santiago de Cuba. **Telephone:** (22) 662737 (leave

messages to Ana María)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José Martí" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 28, 1999 **Leadership:** Ibrahim Varela

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle B no. 4047, apt. 2, entre 4 y 8, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud

Telephone: (53-61) 21693.

Name: "José Martí" Independent

Library.

Founded: August 6, 2002 Leadership: Juan R. González

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 84 no. 64, Reparto

Vietnam, Jobabo, Las Tunas. **National affiliation:** Assembly to

Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "José Martí" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 28, 2002. **Leadership:** Moisés Rodríguez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 116 no. 27904, entre 279 y 281, Calabazar, Boyeros, Ciudad

de La Habana.

Telephone: (7) 447270 (leave messages

to Moisés' mother)

Name: "Juan Bruno Zayas" Independent

Library

Founded: March 1999

Leadership: José M. Martínez

Hernández.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 28 no. 2719, entre 27 y

29, Quivicán, La Habana. **Telephone:** (53-67) 675 5205 **National affiliation:** All United.

Additional information: José M. Martínez

Hernández was given a 13-year prison

sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Juan Gualberto Gómez"

Independent Library.

Leadership: Esperanza Almeira

Cordero.

Location: Calle D no. 135, entre 5ta y Lindero, Ampliación del Sevillano, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Juan Gualberto Gómez"

Independent Library. **Founded:** 1998.

Leadership: Godofredo Betancourt.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 2 no. 25, Central Jesús

Menéndez, Las Tunas. **Telephone:** (53-31) 2563

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Juan Gualberto Gómez"

Independent Library (II) **Founded:** October 10, 2000.

Leadership: Iván Hernández Carrillo.

Specialty: General.

Location: Mesa no. 32, entre San José y

Concha, Colón, Matanzas.

National affiliation: All United.

Additional information: Iván Hernández Carrillo was given a 25-year prison sentence

following the March 2003 political

crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Juan Gualberto Gómez"

Independent Library (III) **Founded:** February 20, 2001. **Leadership:** Diana M. Cantón.

Specialty: General.

Location: Edificio 111, apt. A4, Los Pinos, Reparto Hermanos Cruz, Pinar

del Río.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Juan Rulfo" Independent

Library.

Founded: June 21, 2001 **Leadership:** Romelia Pozo

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle A no. 46, entre 2da y 3ra, "Reparto Cándido González",

Camagüey.

Telephone: (53-32) 282465 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Juana Alonso" Independent

Library.

Founded: February 1999. **Leadership:** Rogelio Travieso.

Specialty: General.

Location: Reforma no. 12222, entre Independencia y América, Cerro, Ciudad

de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 784010

Name: "Juana Alonso Rodríguez"

Independent Library. **Founded:** June 5, 1999.

Leadership: Lourdes Cecilia Gómez

Gómez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 1ra edificio 3^a, apt. 7, entre 3ra y Avenida, Reparto Jesús Menéndez, Bayamo, Granma. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Julio Baguer" Independent

Library.

Founded: July 22, 2000.

Leadership: Yoana Chirino Rodríguez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Isabel Rubio no. 188, Guane,

Pinar del Río.

Telephone: (53-84) 97236.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Julio Tang Texier" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Ramón Urrutia.

Location: Calle 20 no.5304, entre 53 y 55, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud.

Name: "La Avellaneda" Independent

Library.

Founded: July 4, 2002.

Leadership: Ángel Miguel Besse.

Specialty: General.

Location: Gallo 355, Santiago de Cuba **Telephone:** (53-226) 699853 (public

phone).

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "La Rosa Blanca" Independent

Library.

Founded: June 15, 2002.

Leadership: Ana María Espinosa.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle L no. 104, altos, entre 3ra y Avenida de Céspedes, Reparto

Sueño, Santiago de Cuba. **Telephone:** (53-226) 762374 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Leonor Pérez" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 28, 2001.

Leadership: Oralis Leticia Martínez

Castillo.

Specialty: General.

Location: Avenida Camilo Cienfuegos

edificio 10^a, apto. B-6, Reparto

Buenavista, Las Tunas. **Telephone:** (53-31) 47650.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Leopoldo Pita" Independent

Library.

Founded: September 10, 2000. Leadership: Gustavo Colás. **Specialty:** Labour union topics. Location: Amado Jiménez no. 122. Reparto La Aurora, Amancio Rodríguez, Las Tunas.

Telephone: (53-31) 92760.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Free Expression" Independent

Location: Calle Agramonte no.552, esquina a Pasaje A, Regla, Ciudad de La

Habana.

Name: "Lidia Cabrera" Independent

Library.

Founded: March 24, 2002.

Leadership: Aimée Cabrera Álvarez. **Specialty:** World literature and foreign

languages.

Location: Espada no. 61, apto.32, entre 25 y Príncipe, Centro Habana, Ciudad de

La Habana

Telephone: (537) 870 0082 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Luis Orlirio Méndez"

Independent Library.

Founded: September 20, 2001.

Leadership: Raidel Ramírez Valdés.

Specialty: Classical literature.

Location: Frank País no. 217, entre Antonio Tarafa y Antonio Guiteras,

Pinar del Río.

Telephone: (53-82) 3196 (leave

messages to Ramoncito)

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Madre Teresa de Calcuta"

Independent Library. Founded: October 2001.

Leadership: Maritza Paula Álvarez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Miraflores Nuevo no.23, Central Bolivia, Ciego de Ávila.

Telephone: (53-33) 8715.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Mahatma Gandhi" Independent

Library (II)

Founded: April 2, 2001.

Leadership: Lázaro Romero Solís.

Specialty: General.

Location: Zona 3 edificio 24, apt. 7,

Sandino, Pinar del Río.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Gandhi" Independent Library.

Founded: November 2003.

Leadership: Pedro Rodríguez Varona Location: González Valdés no.55 esquina a Libertad, Reparto Zayas,

Holguín.

National affiliation: BIBLIORED Independent Libraries Project.

Name: "Manuel Sanguily" Independent

Library.

Founded: February 1999.

Leadership: Estrella García Rodríguez.

Specialty: Arts.

Location: Cuchillo de Zanja no. 19, 1er piso, entre Rayo y San Nicolás, Centro

Habana, Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 863 3232. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Mariana Grajales" Independent

Library.

Founded: February 24, 2001. **Leadership:** Ramón Moises Ávila

Pérez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 18 no. 2, entre Salvador Cisneros y 25 de Diciembre, Puerto

Padre, Las Tunas.

Telephone: (53-31) 53155

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Mario Manuel de la Peña"

Independent Library.

Founded: March 14, 2000.

Leadership: Héctor Riverón González.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Mario Oro no. 118, Las

Tunas.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Mario Manuel de la Peña"

Independent Library. **Founded:** May 14, 2001.

Leadership: Carlos Raúl Jiménez

Carrero.

Specialty: General.

Location: Armas no. 869, entre San Francisco y Milagros, Lawton,

Municipio 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La

Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Marta Abreu Estévez"

Independent Library.

Founded: February 24, 2001. **Leadership:** Mario O. Fleites.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 3ra no. 83, entre 2da y A, Reparto Virginia, Santa Clara, Villa

Clara.

Name: "Martín Dihigo" Independent

Library.

Founded: August 10, 2000.

Leadership: José Antonio Martínez.

Specialty: Sports.

Location: Cooperativa Hermanos Saíz no. 83, San Juan y Martínez, Pinar del

Río.

Telephone: (53-8) 63650 (leave

messages to Diana).

Name: "Martin Luther King"

Independent Library.

Founded: October 10, 1999.

Leadership: Ángel Cantero Castellanos.

Specialty: General.

Location: Israel Marrero no. 68^a, Reparto La Victoria, Las Tunas. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Martin Luther King"

Independent Library. **Founded:** April 2, 2001.

Leadership: Pedro González Acosta.

Specialty: General.

Location: Localidad Las Atreas no.5, San Juan y Martínez, Pinar del Río National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Martin Luther King in Memoriam" Independent Library.

Founded: May 20, 2001.

Leadership: Carlos Alberto Domínguez

González.

Specialty: Economics and social

sciences.

Location: María Luisa no. 64, entre Estela y Sofía, Párraga, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 446509.

Name: "Brothers to the Rescue Martyrs"

Independent Library. **Founded:** July 23, 2002.

Leadership: Roberto Perera Gómez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Cardona y Maceo, Poblado

Cubitas, Santiago de Cuba.

Telephone: (53-226) 652974 (leave

messages to Alina).

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Miguel Ángel Ponce de León"

Independent Library. **Founded:** October 2001.

Leadership: Richard Roselló Socorro.

Specialty: General.

Location: San Miguel no. 655, 2do Piso, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 889 9156. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Narciso López" Independent

Library.

Founded: May 2002.

Leadership: Lázaro Lemus y Zoe

Hernández.

Location: San Cristóbal, Pinar del Río.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Octavio Paz" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 7, 2000.

Leadership: Ramón Pimentel Díaz.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 50 Triplanta 3, apt. 2,

Reparto La Loma, Las Tunas. **Telephone:** (53-31) 49015

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Oscar Peña" Independent

Library.

Founded: 1998.

Leadership: Ezequiel Morales.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 25 no. 34, Puerto Padre,

Las Tunas.

Telephone: (53-31) 53471.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Pablo Morales" Independent

Library.

Founded: 1999.

Leadership: Juan Téllez Rodríguez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Grimau 7B, Vázquez,

Puerto Padre, Las Tunas. **Telephone:** (31) 59163.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Pablo Morales" Independent

Library.

Founded: 1994.

Leadership: Sergio Pérez Font.

Specialty: General.

Location: Corrales 664, entre Carmen y Figuras, Habana Vieja, Ciudad de La

Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Pablo Neruda" Independent

Library.

Founded: June 21, 2001.

Leadership: Hilda Diego Otero.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Dama no. 313, entre General Gómez y Padre Valencia,

Camagüey.

Telephone: (53-32) 294458. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Pedro Junco" Independent

Library.

Leadership: Gerardo Redonet. **Location:** Virtudes no. 158, entre Galiano y Luz Zaldívar, Pinar del Río.

Name: "Pedro Luis Boitel" Independent

Library (II).

Founded: May 20, 2001.

Leadership: Marte Antonio Valdés

Ibargollín.

Specialty: General psychology. **Location:** Segunda del Este no. 166, entre 6ta y 7ma del Sur, Placetas, Villa

Clara.

Telephone: (53-42) 82634. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Pedro Someillán" Independent

Library.

Founded: 2000

Leadership: Manuel Osvaldo Gutiérrez

Carballo.

Specialty: General politics.

Location: Avenida 19 no. 30633, entre 306 y 308, Reparto El Roble, Santa Fe,

Playa, Ciudad de La Habana **Telephone:** (537) 298569; (537) 2098569 (messages); (537) 205 0632 (leave messages to Manuel's mother). **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Pedro Urquisa Estorino"

Independent Library. **Founded:** 1998.

Leadership: Jorge Berrier.

Specialty: General.

Location: San Fernando no. 29805, entre San Luis y Línea, Pueblo Nuevo,

Matanzas.

Telephone: (53-52) 244887 **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: "New Republic" Independent

Library.

Founded: February 24, 2002. **Leadership:** Altagracia Figueredo

Colás.

Specialty: General.

Location: Pasaje 1 no. 9, entre 13 y Bravo Correozo, Reparto Santa Bárbara,

Santiago de Cuba.

Telephone: (53-226) 643226 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Free People" Independent

Library.

Founded: March 2000.

Leadership: José Vázquez Cabrera. Specialty: Journalism and history Location: Calle C no. 157, apt. 4, entre Línea y Calzada, Plaza, Ciudad de La

Habana.

Telephone: (537) 832 2183. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Captive Peoples" Independent

Library.

Founded: July 2000. **Leadership:** Odalis Zayas.

Specialty: General.

Location: Orlando Nodarse no. 40, San

Cristóbal, Pinar del Río.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Rafael María de Mendive"

Independent Library. **Founded:** 1999.

Leadership: Pablo Silva.

Specialty: General.

Location: Edificio 56, apto. 7, Reparto Los Cocos, Baracoa, La Habana. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: "Rafael María de Mendive"

Independent Library.

Founded: September 17, 2000. **Leadership:** José A. Reustillo.

Specialty: General.

Location: Concepción no. 253, entre Concordia y San Salvador, Manzanillo,

Granma.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Rafael María Merchán"

Independent Library. **Founded:** April 21, 2001. **Leadership:** Tania de la Torre

Montesino.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Loynaz no. 127, entre Martí y José M. Gómez, Manzanillo,

Granma.

Telephone: (53-23) 54953.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Rafael Morales y González (Moralito)" Independent Library. Founded: November 11, 1999. Leadership: Rafael Ferro Salas. Specialty: Cinema, radio, television, video, and world history.

Location: Calle 5ta edificio 20, apto.6, Reparto Hermanos Cruz, Pinar del Río.

Telephone: (53-82) 63840.

Fax: (53-82) 63840.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Rafael Roberto Larramendi"

Independent Library. **Founded:** August 7, 2002.

Leadership: Antonia Hernández. **Location:** San Nicolás 204, entre Virtudes y Concordia, Centro Habana, Ciudad de la Habana.

Name: "Reinaldo Arenas" Independent

Library.

Location: Florida no. 68, apto.12, entre Vives y Puerta Cerrada, Habana Vieja,

Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Reinaldo Arenas" Independent

Library.

Founded: 2001.

Leadership: Dra. Idania García.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 3ra no. 233A, Puerto Guayabal, Amancio Rodríguez, Las

Tunas.

Telephone: (53-31) 96138; (53-31)

96112.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "March 13 Tug" Independent

Library.

Founded: March 13, 2002.

Leadership: Osmani Cadalzo Granados

Specialty: General

Location: Ignacio Sánchez no. 174, entre Santa Rosa y San Ramón,

Camagüey.

Telephone: (53-32) 294164. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Czech Republic" Independent

Library.

Founded: August 23, 2000 **Leadership:** Alberto del Toro.

Specialty: General.

Location: Paraíso no. 69, entre Cánano y Cisneros, Palma Soriano, Santiago de

Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "The Three Wise Men"

Independent Library.

Founded: November 1998.

Leadership: Víctor R. Arroyo Carmona. **Specialty:** Agriculture and ecology.

Location: Adela Azcuy no. 19, entre Medina y 1ro de Mayo, Pinar del Río.

Telephone: (53-82) 4241.

Additional information: Victor R. Arroyo Carmona was given a 26-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Rine Leal" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 5, 2004.

Specialty: Theatre.

Leadership: Carlos Alberto Saborit. **Location:** Avenida 41 no.3605, entre 36 y 42, Playa, Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: "Roberto Ávalos" Independent

Library.

Founded: April 17, 1999.

Leadership: Mayra Sánchez Surí.

Specialty: Accounting.

Location: Calle A no. 33, entre Central y Línea, Santa Cruz del Sur, Camagüey

Telephone: (53-32) 323360. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Rolando Pérez Gómez"

Independent Library.

Leadership: Assembly to Promote Civil

Society in Cuba.

Location: Calle 1ra no. 5, entre 4ta y 5ta, Reparto "José Martí", Camagüey. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Rolando Pérez Gómez"

Independent Library.

Founded: August 20, 2000.

Leadership: Dulce María Suárez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Artola no. 209, entre

Bellavista y Jaime Noruega, La Vigía,

Camagüey.

Telephone: (53-32) 282388 (messages) **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Major César Báez" Independent

Library.

Founded: December 2002. **Leadership:** Ana Perdigón.

Location: Las Tozas, Cabaiguán, Sancti

Spiritus.

Name: "San Isidro Labrador"

Independent Library. **Founded:** May 15, 2000.

Leadership: David Reyes Estrada.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Clodoveo Pedroso no. 24 E, Las Martinas, Sandino, Pinar del

Río.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "St Paul" Independent Library.

Founded: June 29, 2000.

Leadership: Fidel Suárez Núñez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Finca La Irene, Cooperativa Carlos M. de Céspedes, Manuel Lazo,

Sandino, Pinar del Río.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Fidel Suárez Cruz was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Sebastián Arcos Bergnes"

Independent Library. **Founded:** 2001.

Leadership: José U. Izquierdo.

Specialty: General.

Location: Avenida 83 no. 3006, entre 30 y 32, Batey Cruz, Güines, Habana.
National affiliation: All United.
Additional information: José Ubaldo
Izquierdo was given a 16-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political

crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: "Be Educated to Be Free"

Independent Library. **Leadership:** Rachel Silva.

Location: Kilómetro 5 1/2 Carretera San Luis, Barrio Forteza, San Luis, Pinar del

Río.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Shalom" Independent Library.

Founded: May 14, 2001.

Leadership: Rafael Ernesto Ávila

Pérez.

Specialty: General.

Location: Zapote no. 310, entre San Julio y Durege, Santo Suárez, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana. Telephone: (537) 863 2516 (leave messages to Picayo or to Figueredo) National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Simón Bolívar" Independent

Library.

Founded: June 23, 2000.

Leadership: Ileana de los Ángeles

Iglesias Nodarse. **Specialty:** General.

Location: Avenida 45 no. 2410, entre 24 y 26, Cabañas, El Mariel, La Habana. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: "Tocororo" Independent Library.

Founded: August 17, 2002.

Leadership: Magdalena Prado Padrón.

Location: Calle 2da, entre A y B, Reparto Rosario, La Güinera, Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: "Tomás Romay Chacón"

Independent Library. **Founded:** July 1, 2002.

Leadership: Juan Carlos Martínez

Méndez.

Specialty: Human Hygiene.

Location: Calle 27 de Noviembre, edificio Comercio, entre Martí Este y Ampliación Maceo, Pinar del Río. **Telephone:** (53-82) 2431 (vecino); (53-

82) 7951 (leave messages to Juan

Carlos's daughter).

Name: "José Martí-inspired Union"

Independent Library. **Founded:** April 1, 2001.

Leadership: Francisco Pacheco

Espinosa.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Plácido no. 337, apto. 3, entre Carretera Central y Cuba Libre,

Camagüey.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Lucista Union" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 2000.

Leadership: Rafael Antonio Barrios

Rodríguez.

Specialty: Cuban history, philosophy

and theology.

Location: Vía Blanca no. 511, entre Mendoza y General Lee, Santo Suárez, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 406947.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Vaclav Havel" Independent

Library.

Founded: 1998.

Leadership: Adoración Tulimia Amores

Rodríguez.

Specialty: Ecology and agriculture. **Location:** Calle 180 no. 37907, entre 383 y Final, Reparto Guadalupe, Boyeros, Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 6834741.

National affiliation: Assembly to

Promote Civil Society.

Name: "Viñales" Independent Library.

Founded: February 20, 2001.

Leadership: Lázaro Raúl González.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 21 edificio 22, apt. 9,

Herradura, Pinar del Río.

Name: "Virgilio Piñera" Independent

Library.

Founded: 1999.

Leadership: Maritza Quintana.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle Serafín Sánchez no. 132, altos, entre Marcial Gómez y Abraham Delgado, Ciego de Ávila. National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "Wilfredo Lam" Independent

Library.

Founded: September 2002.

Leadership: Miriam Fernández Armas.

Location: Calle Villuendas no. 60 (altos), entre Martín e Independencia,

Marta Abreu, Villa Clara.

Name: "Willy Chirino" Independent

Library.

Founded: January 15, 2001.

Leadership: Eugenio Sans García.

Specialty: General.

Location: Finca Minerva, San Juan y

Martínez, Pinar del Río.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: "José González Curbelo"

Library.

Founded: December 10, 1999. **Leadership:** María E. Iturralde.

Specialty: General.

Location: Calle 2 no. 327, Complejo Agroindustrial Abraham Lincoln

Artemisa, La Habana.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: "Mahatma Gandhi" Library.

Founded: November 1997. **Leadership:** Astrea Ibáñez

Specialty: General.

Location: Libertad no. 158, entre Bayamo y Céspedes, Palma Soriano,

Santiago de Cuba.

Telephone: (53-225) 2728

Independent Cultural, Artistic, Scientific, and Social Studies Associations

Name: Asociación Pro Arte Libre "APAL Independiente" (Independent

Association for Free Art. **Founded:** August 4, 1998.

Leadership: Gladys González Noi **Location:** Jovellar no. 1, 8vo. Piso, apt. 83, entre Marina y Soledad, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 8786698.

Name: "Federico Capdevila" Cultural

Civic Center.

Leadership: Rigoberto Díaz Cutido. **Objectives:** To promote information, to

prepare the Cuban society for a transition towards democracy. **Location:** Calle 25 no.23 A, entre Goicuría y 38, Reparto Fernando

Betancourt, Las Tunas. **Telephone:** (53-31) 4-2910

Name: Centro de Estudios Sociales Independientes (Independent Social

Studies Centre).

Founded: February 1998.

Leadership: Héctor Palacio Ruiz. **Objectives:** To attain a pluripartisan society and study social sciences.

Membership: 80 members

Location: Calle 25 no. 866, apt. 3, entre A y B, Vedado, Ciudad de La Habana,

C.P. 10400.

Telephone: (537) 302103.

National affiliation: All United.

Additional information: Héctor Palacios Ruiz was given a 25-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Centro de Fotógrafos Independientes (Independent Photographers' Center). Founded: April 15, 2002. Leadership: Ginle Cubillas.

Location: Zona N edificio 22, Sandino,

Pinar del Río, C.P. 22100.

E-mail: cullas2000@yahoo.com;

Grupofi@hotmail.com

Name: Centro Nacional de Estudios e Investigaciones Agrícolas de Cuba "Carlos Quíntela" ("Carlos Quíntela" National Center for Agricultural Research).

Founded: October 2000.

Leadership: Miguel Arcángel Camejo

Planes.

Objectives: To promote independent farmers' cooperatives and agricultural research.

Membership: 12 members.

Location: Calle 180 no. 37907, entre 383 y Final, Reparto Guadalupe,

Santiago de Las Vegas, Boyeros, Ciudad

de La Habana.

Telephone: (53-64) 683 4741. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; Pedro P. Hernández endorsed All United.

Name: Centro Nacional de Capacitación Sindical y Laboral (National Center for

Labour Union Training). **Founded:** February 10, 2003.

Leadership: Victor Manuel Domínguez, director; María López, vicedirector.

Objectives: To train independent labour

union leaders and activists.

Location: San José no.564, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana.

Additional information: On May 27, 2004, this organization inaugurated two chapters, in Campanario 354, entre San Miguel y San Rafael, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana: and in Gerardo Granda no.55 final, Regla, Ciudad de La Habana. Carmelo Díaz Fernández and Miguel Galván Gutiérrez were given 15and 26-year prison sentences respectively, following the crackdown on dissidents on March 2003. Diaz Fernández was released on June 16, 2004. According to Amnisty International, both fall under the category of prisoners of conscience. Carmelo Díaz was released from prison on June 18, 2004.

Name: Comisión de Estudios Alternativos (Alternative Studies Comisión).

Leadership: Jadir Hernández. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Comunidad Artística "Oasis 5" ("Oasis 5" Artistic Community)
Leadership: Alfredo Castillo Mordss.
Location: Carretera Baconao Km 2 1/2,

Santiago de Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Foro de Estudios Históricos (Historical Research Forum).

Founded: 1990.

Leadership: Manuel Fernández Rocha **Objectives:** To study U.S. history and

improve Cuba-U.S. relations. **Membership:** 20 members.

Location: Calle 13 no. 853 bajos, entre 4 y 6, Vedado, Plaza, Ciudad de La

Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All United.

Name: Foro de Estudios Sociales "Marta Abreu" ("Marta Abreu" Social Studies

Forum).

Founded: October 21, 2001. **Leadership:** Guillermo Fariñas

Hernández.

Location: Alemán 615 A, entre Hospital y Misionero, Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

Telephone: (53-422) 214091.

Name: Galería de Arte Independiente "Domingo Ramos" ("Domingo Ramos" Independent Art Gallery).

Leadership: José Luis Medina.

Location: Avenida 33 no. 10216, entre 102 y 108, Reparto Pastorita, Güines, La Habana.

Name: Instituto Cubano de Economistas Independientes "Manuel Sánchez Herrero" ("Manuel Sánchez Herrero" Cuban Institute of Independent Economists).

Founded: 1991, under the name of National Association of Independent Economists.

Following internal restructuring, it adopted its current name in 1995.

Leadership: Marta Beatriz Roque Cabello, director; Dr. Francisco Pijuán, acting director during Roque Cabello's imprisonement.

Objectives: Economic and social research.

Membership: 15 members. Oscar Ayala Muñoz; Silvio Herrera Núñez, Dolia Leal Francisco, Gladys Núñez Villalta and María Elena Alpízar Ariosa, work as researchers for this institution..

Location: Luis Estévez no. 352, entre Cortina y Figueroa, Santo Suárez, 10 de Octubre, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 406821.

Web site: http://www.cubaicei.org/
National affiliation: The institute sponsors the Assembly to Promote Civil

Society in Cuba.

Additional information: Marta Beatriz Roque, one of the most renowned leaders of the internal opposition, was imprisoned for co-authoring "The Homeland Belongs to Us All." Roque was released from jail, but during the repression of March 2003, was sentenced to 20 years in jail. On July 22, 2004 was liberated. Arnaldo Ramos Lauzurique was given a 18-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Instituto Cubano de Estudios Sindicales Independientes, ICESI (Cuban Institute for Independent Labour Union Research).

Leadership: Francisco Leblanc Amate **Objectives:** To conduct research on the internal dynamics of social and labour relations. To provide independent labour movements with information and guidance regarding labour legislation, International Labour Organization (ILO) guidelines, the role of labour unions in the growth of ethical and professional values, and the new options opening up for the labour movement in the face of global economic changes.

Location: Ciudad de La Habana. **National affiliation:** All United.

Nombre: Movimiento de Estudios Martianos.

Dirección: Roberto Larramedi. **Filiación nacional:** Todos Unidos.

Name: Proyecto Cívico Cultural Independiente "Julio Tanj Tesiex"

("Julio Tanj Tesiex" Cultural Civic Independent Project).

Founded: August 9, 2003.

Objectives: To advance a campaign for "Freedom without banishment for Cuban political prisoners," and divulge the history of political imprisonment on the island after 1959.

Initiatives: It operates a small video screening theater where films of all political stripes and artistic trends, as well as those that feature the work of the Cuban domestic and exiled opposition, are shown.

Location: Base Pecuaria Revolución, Isla de la Juventud.

Additional information: Named in tribute to an inmate murdered by guards at the Presidio Modelo prison, Isle of Youth, on September 3, 1966.

Name: Proyecto Espacio Interior para Creadores de Artes Plásticas y Aplicadas ("Inner Space" Project for Visual and Applied Artists).

Leadership: René Oñate Sixto. Location: Virtudes no.49, entre Recreo y Vélez Cavieles, Pinar del Río National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Farming Cooperatives and Rural Organizations

Name: Alianza Nacional de Agricultores Independientes de Cuba, ANAIC (National Alliance of Cuban Independent Farmers).

Founded: January 10, 1986.

Leadership: Humberto Melo Arias. **Objectives:** To advocate for the rule of

law and democracy.

Location: Avenida Martí no. 12, Alto Songo, La Maya, Provincia Santiago de

Cuba.

Telephone: (226) 387219 **Web site:** www.gacicuba.org/

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Alianza Nacional de

Cooperativas Independientes de Cuba.

(National Alliance of Cuban Independent Cooperatives).

Founded: 1998.

Leadership: Antonio Alonso. **Objectives:** To uphold the rights of

farmers.

Location: Finca Los Chivos, Alto Songo, La Maya, Santiago de Cuba.

Sitio web: www.gacicuba.net

Name: Asociación de Campesinos Independientes "Rafael Espinosa Mendoza" ("Rafael Espinosa Mendoza" Association of Independent Farmers)

Founded: December 5, 2002. Leadership: Raúl Chávez. Membership: 55 members. Location: Buey Arriba, Granma.

Name: Cooperativa Independiente Agrícola Barragán Secundino Lugo ("Barragán Secundino Lugo" Independent Farming Cooperative). Leadership: Secundino Lugo. National affiliation: All United.

Name: Cooperativa Independiente Agrícola Canaán ("Canaán" Independent Farming Cooperative)

Founded by: Antonio Díaz Méndez **Location:** Carretera Central Km 10, Pablado de Cautillo, Jiguaní, Provincia Granma.

Name: Cooperativa Independiente Agrícola "Desengaño" ("Desengaño" Independent Farming Cooperative).

Founded: April 3, 2002

Leadership: Epifanio Muñoz Neyra. **Location:** La Lombriz, Jarahueca, Songo, La Maya, Santiago de Cuba.

Name: Cooperativa Independiente Agrícola "Portadores del Futuro" ("Portadores del Futuro"

Independent Farming Cooperative)

Founded: July 10, 1999.

Founded by: Roger Curbelo; Rigiberto Curbelo; Baltazar Bofia; René Curbelo. **Location:** Vázquez, Puerto Padre, Las Tunas.

Name: Cooperativa Independiente Agrícola "Progreso I" ("Progreso I" Independent Farming Cooperative Founded: September 23, 1997. Leadership: Reinaldo Hernández. Location: Bejuqueras de Filipinas, Guantánamo.

Name: Cooperativa Independiente Agrícola "Progreso II" ("Progreso II" Independent Farming Cooperative) Founded: February 27, 1998. Founded by: Santos Martín Triana,

president.

Location: San José de las Lajas, Habana.

Name: Cooperativa Independiente Agrícola "Progreso Pinareño" ("Progreso Pinareño" Independent Farmers' Cooperative).

Location: Río Seco, Pinar del Río.

Name: Cooperativa Independiente Agrícola "Transición" ("Transición" Independent Farming Cooperative)

Founded: May 5, 1997.

Leadership: Juan Manuel San Emeterio **Location:** Loma del Gato, Santiago de Cuba.

Name: Unión de Jóvenes Rurales, UJR

(Rural Youth Union)

Leadership: Yamila Iturral (President); Pablo García (Secretary General).

Location: Calle 204 no. 40117, entre 403 y 405, El Rancho, Santiago de las Vegas, Boyeros, Ciudad de La Habana **Web site:** www.gacicuba.org/ujr.htm

Medical and Health Care Organizations

Name: Colegio Médico de Las Tunas (Medical College of Las Tunas) Leadership: José L. González

Location: All United.

Name: Colegio Médico Independiente de Cuba [Filial de Santa Clara] (Cuban Independent Medical College [Santa Clara Chapter]).

Founded: August 10, 2002.

Leadership: Dra. Sandra Domínguez

Ayala.

Membership: 10 members including doctors, nurses and technicians.

Location: Calle Toscano no. 260, entre Berenguer y Padre Tadurí, Santa Clara, Villa Clara.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Name: Colegio Médico Independiente de Santiago de Cuba (Independent Medical College of Santiago de Cuba).

Founded: September 24, 1994

Leadership: Leodegario Ángel Jiménez Oieda.

Objectives: To uphold the rights of doctors and dentists.

Membership: 23 members.

Location: Santa Lucía no. 454, entre Calvario y Reloj, Santiago de Cuba.

Telephone: (53-226) 622982. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All

United.

Additional information: Luis Milán Fernández was given a 15-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Comisión de Salubridad e Higiene (Healthiness and Hygiene Commission).

Leadership: Armando de León. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Consultorio Médico Independiente de Guane (Independent Community Clinic of Guane).

Leadership: Dr. Hanoi H. Hernández. **Location:** Comandante Murrieta no. 16, Guane, Pinar del Río.

Name: Consultorio Médico Independiente de Pedro Betancout (Independent Community Clinic of Pedro Betancourt).

Leadership: Dra. María Victoria Singler.

Location: Calle 22 no. 1910, entre 19 y 21, Pedro Betancourt, Matanzas.

Name: Consultorio Médico Independiente de Santiago de Cuba (Independent Community Clinic of Santiago de Cuba).

Leadership: Dr. Adrián Elías Rodríguez Noa.

Location: Edificio L-27, apto. 10, Distrito Antonio Maceo, Santiago de Cuba.

Name: Farmacia Independiente Calle 30 ("Calle 30" Independent Pharmacy)
Location: Calle 30 no. 5107, entre 51 y
53, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud.

Telephone: (53-61) 22500.

Fax: (53-61) 22500.

Name: Farmacia Independiente Calle 46 ("Calle 46" Independent Pharmacy)
Location: Calle 46, entre 35 y 37,
Candelaria, Pinar del Río.

Name: Fundación Médica Independiente (Independent Medical Foundation) Leadership: Yamila Pérez Reyes. National affiliation: All United.

Labour Unions and Organizations

Name: Asociación de Trabajadores por Cuenta Propia (Self-employed Workers' Association)

Leadership: Ismael Lázaro Agüero Location: Pasaje Giquel no. 11, entre Neptuno y San Miguel, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Central Sindical Cristiana de Cuba (Cuban Christian Labour Union).

Founded: January 28, 1995.

Leadership: William Toledo Ferrero. **Objectives:** To strive for democracy and

the rule of law.

Membership: 350 members. Location: San Rafael 622, 3er piso, entre Gervasio y Belascoaín, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana. Telephone: (537) 8653846.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Colegio de Ingenieros y Arquitectos Independientes de Cuba (Cuban Association of Independent Engineers and Architects).

Leadership: Miguel Galván Gutiérrez. **Objectives:** To create an association of all professionals in the sector; to promote freedom of expression, as well as

intellectual and professional creative freedom.

Location: Calle 52 no.9914, entre 99 y

103, Güines, La Habana.

National affiliation: All United. Additional information: Miguél Galván Gutiérrez was given a 26-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Colegio de Pedagogos Independientes de Cuba (Cuban Association of Independent Pedagogues)

Founded: June 13, 1996.

Founded by: Roberto de Miranda and another 14 workers, mainly from the Education sector, dismissed for expressing disagreement with current mandatory educational guidelines.

Leadership: Roberto de Miranda:

Leadership: Roberto de Miranda; Roberto Larramendi Estrada, acting president; Juan Carlos Martínez Núñez, vicepresident; Reinaldo Cosano Alén, vicepresident for International Relations; Inés Guerra García, vicepresident for Education; Martha Martínez Barrenate, executive secretary; Elsa García, treasurer.

Objectives: Depolitization of education and introduction of comprehensive student instruction based on the teachings of Félix Varela and José Martí. To rid education from dogmas, such as "the university is forrevolutionaries." To demand higher salaries for teachers. To uphold the right of parents to choose what type of instruction their children receive. To reject the state policy of insulating children and teenagers from parental educative influence. To call for the teaching of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at all educational levels. To demand university autonomy and freedom of instruction, including religious education. To enforce the right

of students to determine their curriculum. To appoint provincial delegates and create a confederation of educators.

Description: Its slogan is "Pedagogues for Peace, not War." It manages a library, set up on October 10, 1996, and named after Father Félix Varela. **Membership:** 200 members: 130 high school and university educators. 60

school and university educators, 60 elementary school teachers, and 10 teaching assistants.

Location: Campanario no. 354, primer piso, entre San Miguel y San Rafael, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana

Telephone: (537) 8634000. **National affiliation:** All United. **Additional information:** Roberto de Miranda was given a 20-year prison sentence following the March 2003 political crackdown and is considered a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Name: Confederación de Trabajadores Democráticos de Cuba, CTDC (Confederation of Democratic Workers of Cuba).

Founded: March 25, 1992.

Leadership: José Orlando González

Bridón.

Objectives: To support workers, uphold human rights and provide assistance to political prisoners.

Location: Calle 3ra no. 1805, entre B y Bernardo Posse, Reparto La Rosalía, San Miguel del Padrón, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 910675.

National affiliation: José Orlando

González.

Bridón endorsed the Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; Jorge Benler Rodríguez endorsed All United.

Name: Confederación Democrática de

Trabajadores de Cuba, CDTC (Democratic Confederation of Cuban Workers).

Leadership: Nelson Molinet Espino; Maité Vázquez González, acting president; Fernando Aragón, national coordinator; Aurelio Hernández Martínez, labour union advisor; Eduardo Estrada, spokesman; Felipa Prado, women's front.

Location: Calle A no.8016, entre Dolores y 26, San Miguel del Padrón, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. International affiliation: Federación de Plantas Eléctricas, Gas y Agua in Exile. Additional information: Nelson Molinet Espino and Hector Raúl Valle were given 20-and18-year prison sentences respectively, following the

March 2003 crackdown on dissidents. According to Amnisty International, both fall under the category of prisoners of conscience.

Name: Consejo Unitario de

Trabajadores Cubanos, CUTC (United

Council of Cuban Workers). **Founded:** July 14, 1995.

Leadership: Pedro Pablo Álvarez
Ramos (Secretary General). Lázaro
Cuesta Collazo (Organizing Secretary);
Carmelo A. Díaz Fernández
(Information and Religious Affairs);
Dr. Francisco Leblanc Amate (Legal
Affairs); Dra. Maybell Padilla Pérez
(Training and Women's Affairs); Pedro
Pablo Hernández Mijares (Labour
Affairs); Reynaldo Rodríguez Díaz
(Assistance to professionals and youths);
José Ramón Paz López (Financial
Affairs).

Description: Organized at the national level. With their application for membership in the World Confederation

of Labour (WCL), they submitted a list with over 500 signatures of members from all 14 provi nces of the country. **Membership:** Over 1000 members. **Location:** Carlos III no. 809, 2do piso, apt. 10, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 8795277.

Web site:

http://webcutc.org/directorio.htm
National affiliation: All United.
International affiliation: Latin
American Workers' Union (CLAT);
Labor's World Confederation (CMT).
Additional information: Pedro Pablo
Álvarez Ramos and Alfredo Felipe
Fuentes were given 25-and 26-year
prison sentences respectively, following
the March 2003 crackdown on
dissidents. According to Amnisty
International, both fall under the
category of prisoners of conscience.

Name: Coordinadora Obrera Cubana, COC (Cuban Workers' Coordinating Group).

Founded: 1990.

Leadership: Aida María Valdés Santana **Objectives:** To vindicate labour union

and workers' rights.

Location: Neptuno 1055, apt. 31, entre Espada y San Francisco, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 8706359. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Federación de Plantas Eléctricas, Gas y Agua de Cuba (Cuban Federation of Utilities Workers) (Granma)

Leadership: Shared, collegial-style, by Angel Luis Ferreiro, Luis Sergio Núñez, Damaris Santana Aguilera, Gabriel Díaz Sanchez, Félix Rivero, Ariel Arzuaga Peña and Rolando Pérez Alfonso.

Location: Granma

Name: Federación Obrera Oriental Independiente (Independent Workers'

Federation of Eastern Cuba).

Founded: June 2001.

Leadership: Pablo Gregorio Molina Nieves, Idelmar Bauza de La Rosa,

Isabel Rubí Batista.

Objectives: To uphold workers' rights

and democracy.

Membership: 100 members.

Location: Adonis Cabrera no. 96, entre 334 y Circunvalación, La Victoria, Las

Tunas.

Telephone: (53-31) 44178. **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Fraternidad de Ciegos Independientes, FCIC (Independent Fraternity of the Blind).

Founded: November 1998.

Leadership: Tomas Arquímedes

Quintana Aguiar.

Objectives: Full social integration.

Membership: 70 members.

Location: Honorato del Castillo no. 154, entre República y Cuba, Ciego de Ávila

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Fundación de Discapacitados (Handicapped People Foundation).

Leadership: Luis Medina.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Sindicato de Conductores de Bicitaxis (Pedicab Operators' Union).

Founded: November 2002. **Leadership:** Milton Meléndez

Reynaldo, René Hernández Reinaldo,

Holguín secretary.

Location: Florida 168, Habana Vieja,

Ciudad de La Habana.

Name: Sindicato de Educación

(Education Union).

Founded: February 2004.

Leadership: Valentín Cabrera Aguila. **Objectives:** To promote agreements signed by the International Labour

Organization (ILO).

Membership: 8 members.

Location: Libertad 413, apto. G, entre Juan Delgado y D'Estampes, Santo Suárez, Ciudad de La Habana. **National affiliation:** Confederación

Obrera Nacional Independiente de

Cuba (CONIC).

Name: Sindicato de la Administración Pública (Public Administration Labour Union).

Leadership: Martha Ida Orta Pazo.

Name: Sindicato de los Trabajadores Electroenergéticos. (Electronic and

Energy Workers Union) **Founded:** February 2004.

Leadership: Mauricio Leyva Infante.

Membership: 19 members.

Location: Calle 12 no. 39, Reparto

Piedra Blanca, Holguín.

National affiliation: Confederación Obrera Independiente (CONIC).

Name: Sindicato de Productores Artesanales (Craft Producers Union).

Founded: December 2003.

Leadership: Magaly Pareta Reyes.

Objectives: To denounce arbitrary actions and harassment endured by self-employed workers.

Membership: 33 members.

Location: Reparto Camarones, F5

Carretera a Gibara, Holguín.

Name: Sindicato Independiente de Trabajadores de la Cultura (Cultural

Workers Independent Union). **Founded:** January 15, 2004.

Leadership: Carlos Alberto Rivera.

Objectives: To uphold artists' rights to free agency, freedom of expression and creative freedom; to promote a broad and diverse range of options for all artists.

Initiatives: The union intends to implement the Color Cubano (Cuban Color) Project, geared toward eradicating all forms of racism in the audio and visual arts, as well as studying international labour standards.

Location: Avenida 41 no.1006, entre 36 y 42, Ciudad de La Habana.

National affiliation: Confederación Obrera Independiente de Cuba (CONIC).

Name: Sindicato Independiente Azucarero (Independent Union of Sugar Industry Workers).

Leadership: Reinaldo Rodríguez. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Sindicato Independiente de Trabajadores del Transporte (Independent Union of Transport Workers).

Founded by: Marcial Rodríguez Armenteros; Julián Rodríguez T. National affiliation: All United.

Name: Sindicato Libre de Trabajadores Cubanos (Free Labour Union of Cuban Workers).

Founded: November 27, 2002.
Leadership: Ramona Rivero Manzano, secretary general; María Elena Mir Marrero, organization secretary; Reinaldo Cosano Alén, public relations secretary; Maura Orozco, labour secretary; Catalina Martínez Curbelo, women's front secretary; Jorge León Albite, humanitarian affairs secretary.
Objectives: To provide information about the municipality; to organize workers in accordance to the International Labour Organization (ILO)

Convention No. 87.

Description: As of November 2003, the Sovereign Cuban Workers' Labour Union membership was compounded by the merger of that organization with the Cuban Workers' Trade Union (orthodox), which was led by the late independent union leader Ibrahim Carrillo Fernández.

Location: Avenida 5ta no. 47812 (interior altos), entre 478 y 480, Guanabo, Ciudad de La Habana, CP:19120.

Name: Sindicatos Libres Democráticos (Free Democratic Labour Unions)
Leadership: José Ramón Paz López
National affiliation: Cuban Workers'
Coordinating Group, COC; All United.

Name: Unión de Trabajadores Cristianos (Cuban Christian Workers Union).

Founded: 1990.

Leadership: Manuel Ismael León

Paneque.

Objectives: To assert their right to organize themselves as a workers' organization with Christian values and beliefs.

Description: It is made up of the Christian Democratic Party (María Valdés Rosado) and the Christian Love Movement - Movimiento Amor Cristiano (Félix Perera González).

Membership: 35 members.

Location: Avenida 51 no. 7805, altos, Esquina a 78, Marianao, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 2601605.

Name: Unión Sindical Cristiana de Trabajadores de Cuba, USTC (Cuban Christian Labour Union).

Founded: September 14, 1995.

Leadership: Carmelo Díaz Fernández

Location: Neptuno 307, apt. 17, entre Galiano y Águila, Centro Habana,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 632208.

National affiliation: All United.

Additional information: Carmelo Díaz Fernández was given a 15-year prison sentence, following the March 2003 crackdown on dissidents, and is considered prisoner of conscience by Amnisty International.

Name: Unión Sindical de Azucareros Independientes (Independent Union of Sugar Industry Workers)

Leadership: Gustavo Colás. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Unión Sindical de Trabajadores Independientes de Cuba (Independent Workers Union of Cuba)

Leadership: Raymundo Jorge Martínez, Alfredo Vivanco González, José Luis Rubí.

National affiliation: All United.

Name: Unión Sindical de Trabajadores Independientes de Cuba, USTIC (Cuban

Independent Workers Union) **Founded:** August 8, 1987

Leadership: Gagman Rodríguez Acosta

Membership: 350 members

Location: Calle E no. 464, altos, apto. Q-1 (interior), entre 19 y 21, Vedado,

Plaza, Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 326390.

Environmental Protection Organizations

Name: Asociación Independiente Medioambiental (Independent Environmental Association).

Name: Club Ecológico Independiente "Mariposas Negras" ("Black Butterflies" Independent Eco-Club).

Name: Cuba Verde (Green Cuba).

Founded: 1995.

Leadership: Reynaldo Cosano Alén;

Gema Romero.

Objectives: Environmental preservation. **Location:** Calle 492 A no. 5C 04, entre 5ta B y 5ta C, Guanabo, Habana del Este, C.P. 19120, Ciudad de La Habana.

Telephone: (537) 963008.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society; All United.

Name: Movimiento Ecologista y Pacifista "Naturpaz" ("Naturpaz" Ecologist Pacifist Movement) Founded: February 9, 1986.

Founded by: Leonel Morejón Almagro; Rogelio Flavio Hurtado; Oscar González Vilarte; Manuel Fernández Rocha; Dulce María de Quesada; Augusto Madrigal Izaguirre; Jesús Milián Veloz; Mario Antonio Castañeda Reyes; Eduardo Duarte Montalvo; Sergio

Hernández Guevara.

Leadership: Osmani García Ballart.

Objectives: To preserve the environment, ecology, and nature.

Membership: 120 members.

Location: Reparto Frank País, Managua Arroyo Naranjo, Ciudad de La Habana. National affiliation: Ernesto Colás García endorsed the Assembly to Promote Civil Society inb Cuba; Rev.

Pedro Crespo endorsed All United.

Women's Organizations

Name: Centro de Formación de la Mujer Cubana (Education Center for Cuban

Women).

Founded: March 23, 1998.

Leadership: Gisela de la Caridad

Delgado Sablón.

Objectives: To advance the rights of women and assist in their professional preparation.

Membership: 15 members.

Location: Calle 25 no. 866, apto. 3, entre A y B, Vedado, Plaza, Ciudad de la

Habana.

Telephone: (537) 302103. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Centro Independiente Femenino de Ayuda Humanitaria (Independent Women's Center for Humanitarian Assistance).

Leadership: Ana María Espinosa

Escobedo.

Location: Calle L no. 104, altos, entre 3ra y Avenida de Céspedes, Reparto

Sueño, Santiago de Cuba.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Comité de Madres Independientes Pro Amnistía de Presos Políticos "Leonor Pérez" ("Leonor Pérez" Independent Mothers' Committee for Political Prisoners' Amnesty).

Founded: 1991.

Founded by: Haydee Marrero. **Leadership:** Isabel Ramos.

Objectives: To obtain amnesty for all

political prisoners.

Location: Calle no. 5A05, entre A y 5ta B, Jaimanitas, Playa, Ciudad de La

Habana.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; Noris

Durán endorsed All United.

Name: Federación Latinoamericana de Mujeres Rurales (Latin American Federation of Rural Women). Leadership: Oralis Leticia Martínez

Castillo.

Location: Avenida Camilo Cienfuegos

edificio 10A apt. B-6, Reparto

Buenevista, Las Tunas. **Telephone:** (53-31) 47650.

Fax: (5331) 47650.

Web site:

http://www.gacicuba.org/flamur1.htm
National affiliation: Assembly to
Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Foro Feminista Aliadas

Democráticas (Forum of United Women

for Democracy).

Founded: January 10, 1994.

Leadership: Graciela Ávila Zamora **Objectives:** To bring about democratic

changes.

Membership: 124 members

Location: Calle L no. 104, entre 3ra y Avenida Céspedes, Reparto Sueño,

Santiago de Cuba.

Telephone: (253-226) 627372.

National affiliation: Ana M. Espinosa

endorsed All United.

Name: Frente Femenino Humanitario Cubano (Humanitarian Front of Cuban Women).

Leadership: Gladis Linares. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Las Damas de Blanco (Ladies in

White).

Leadership: Collective.

Objectives: To obtain the liberation of their husbands, sons and other relatives

that are political prisoners.

Description: With an all-female membership, the organization is comprised of wives and mothers of dissidents imprisoned in the wake of the political crackdown of March 2003. The women always dress in white and organize and carry out efforts to obtain the release of their relatives.

Initiatives: Organizing fasting in protest and public talks about their imprisoned relatives; sending letters to Cuban authorities, demanding the prisoners' release; organizing photo exhibits to let the public know more about their relatives; holding Masses at the Santa Rita Parish, in Miramar, as well as other churches, begging the Lord for the prompt release of their loved ones -- these actions are all considered expressions of internal dissent. They have also conducted peaceful walks between the General Prisons Directorate and the National Assembly of the People's Power, as well as in Miramar and other neighborhoods in the capital. That these walks have taken place without incident is unheard of considering the repressive environment prevailing on the island, and their impact in raising the profile of the domestic opposition movement.

Location: Although they use several locations, one of the most commonly used is Laura Pollán's house, in Neptuno 963, Centro Habana, Ciudad de La Habana. Pollán is the wife of Hector Maseda, political prisoner and president of the Democratic Liberal Party.

Name: Movimiento de Madres Cubanas (Cuban Mothers' Movement) Leadership: Rosa Rodríguez Díaz National affiliation: All United.

Name: Mujeres Cubanas Por la Libertad

(Cuban Women for Freedom) **Founded:** October 4, 2001.

Leadership: Beatriz Pacheco Núñez. **Objectives:** To promote freedom and democracy through civic struggle.

Membership: 16 members.

Location: Calle 6ta no. 193, entre 9 y 11, Reparto Camacho, Santa Clara

Telephone: (53-422) 16960 **National affiliation:** Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

Name: Mujeres Martianas por la Democracia (José Martí-inspired Women for Democracy).

Name: Organización de Derechos Humanos Mujeres Defensoras de Presos Políticos (Human Rights Women's Association for the Defense of Political Prisoners).

Leadership: Lic. Elsa Morejón Hernández.

Location: Avenida de Acosta no. 464, entre 8va y 9na Lawton, 10 de Octubre,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 991774.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba; All United.

Name: Proyecto Cívico Femenino

(Women's Civic Project).

Leadership: Arelia Hernández. **National affiliation:** All United.

Name: Unión Femenina Cubana (Cuban

Women's Union). **Founded:** 1995.

Leadership: Yenislei César Linares **Objectives:** To find alternatives for Cuban women and protect their rights

Membership: 25 members.

Location: San Agustín no. 44, entre Paz y Arnau, Párraga, Arroyo Naranjo,

Ciudad de La Habana. **Telephone:** (537) 446509.

National affiliation: Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba.

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