

Democratic Change in Cuba: Who Are the Actors?

A Conference of the International Committee for Democracy in Cuba
Stockholm, Sweden, February 6-7, 2006

Held under the Auspices of the Czech Embassy in Stockholm

Preliminary Program

Monday, February 6

11:30 – 12:00 **Commemorating the “Monday meeting for Independence and Democracy in the Baltic countries”**

Venue: Norrmalmstorg, Stockholm

Speakers: **Cecilia Malmström**, MEP, Liberal Party of Sweden
Urban Ahlin, MP, Social Democratic Party of Sweden
Göran Hägglund, MP, Leader of Christian Democratic Party of Sweden
Gunilla Carlsson, MP, Swedish Moderate Party
Vytautas Landsbergis, former head of state, Lithuania
Håkan Holmberg, initiator of the Monday meetings for independence and democracy in the Baltic countries during 1990 - 1991

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch (for specially invited)**

Venue: Swedish Parliament, entrance at Riksgatan 3A

14:00 – 14:30 **Registration to the seminar**

Venue: Swedish Parliament, entrance at Munkbron 17

14:30 – 14:45 **Opening speech** – TBC

14:45 – 16:10 1st panel – **Actors of the Democratic Change**

Moderator: **Lidwine Zumpolle**, Cuba Futuro, Netherlands

Speakers: **Maeliz Orrego Rodriguez**, Miscelaneas de Cuba, Cuba/Sweden

Topic: TBC

Ramón Colás, Founder of the Independent libraries movement, Cuba/USA

Topic: TBC

Francisco de Armas, Christian Liberation Movement, Cuba/Puerto Rico

Topic: Civic initiative Varela Project in Cuba

Boris Santa Coloma, Social Democratic Party of Cuba, Cuba/Germany

Topic: The opposition as one of the conciliating elements between US and the Cuban nationalist in the period of transition to democracy

16:10 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 2nd panel – **The European Policy towards Cuba**

Moderator: **Eliška Sláviková**, People in Peril, Slovakia

Speakers: **Cecilia Malmström**, MEP, Liberal Party of Sweden

Topic: TBC

Urban Ahlin, MP, Swedish Social Democratic Party

Topic: *To live in a democracy is an universal right.*

Vytautas Landsbergis, former head of state, Lithuania, ICDC member

Topic: TBC

Tomáš Pojar, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Topic: *The Czech policy towards the Cuban democratic opposition*

18:00 – 18:30 **Closing remarks**

Helena Höij, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Sweden

19:00 – 21:00 **Reception and opening of exhibition “It Is Our Problem Too: Women of the Prisoners of the Cuban Spring” and presentation of book “Cuba from within”**

Speakers: **Marie Chatardová**, the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Sweden

Henrik Ehrenberg, author of the book, chief editor of Kristdemokraten newspaper

Venue: Swedish Parliament, entrance at Munkbron 17

Working languages of the conference: English

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 – 12:00 **Workshop on international support to the democratic opposition**

Participants: The workshop is open to anyone interested in or involved in support to the Cuban democracy movement. It will offer space for discussion and networking. We specially hope for the participation of:

- European NGOs with interest in promoting democracy in Cuba
- Representatives of the Cuban democracy movement
- Representatives of the ministries of foreign affairs of the Scandinavian and Baltic countries

Topics of the workshop:

1. What are the present projects of support to the Cuban democracy movement?
2. How to contribute to the strengthening of Cuban civil society organizations?
3. How to break the information monopoly?
4. How can the embassies cooperate with the Cuban democracy movement?
5. How to support the families of the prisoners of conscience?

Working language of workshop: English

Partners of the conference are

