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To:
James Brokenshire MP
London, UK

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Dear James Brokenshire MP,

We are extremely disappointed and shocked that your Government refuses a visa to **René González**, one of the so-called CUBAN5. He is one of the principal witnesses for the International Commission of Inquiry into the case of the Cuban Five to be held in London on March 7 and 8.

The reason given for the refusal is based on paragraph 320 2b of UK immigration laws , that states (2) the fact that the person seeking entrance to the United Kingdom (b) has been convicted of an offence for which they have been sentenced to a period of imprisonment of at least 4 years. It seems that you are not aware of the background of René González' imprisonment: He was imprisoned for 15 years, after a trial that Amnesty International and many experts and personalities worldwide labeled as unjust . One of the aims of the Commission of Inquiry is exactly to investigate this aspect of the case. The British government is acting as if Gonzalez would mean a threat for British society. Until now we can only guess the reason behind this decision, but in the context of the already highly politicised case of the Cuban Five, it should be no doubt that the decision can be based on political motives.

We urge you to change that decision immediately and let René González participate in the upcoming Hearing in London!

Yours Sincerely,

Board of NETWORK CUBA Germany