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Dear Mr. President

On 15 July 2021, Loreto Hernández García a Cuban activist of colour, a priest and the vice president of the Asociación Yorubas Libres de Cuba association was arrested by police forces, after he had peacefully participated in a demonstration criticising the government. In February 2022, a court in the city of Santa Clara sentenced him to seven years in prison for "disrupting public order" and "contempt". In the unfair trial, he, his wife, Donaida Pérez Paseiro, and 14 other protesters were found guilty.

According to his family, García has been held in solitary confinement several times since 2021, sometimes for more than two weeks. He suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure and other health problems that cannot be treated in prison. Due to his poor health, he hopes to be released on parole. However, the authorities have informed him that he will only be released if his wife, who was released from prison on January 15, 2025, stops her activism.

As president you have made a commitment to serve the citizens of your nation and their rights. I hereby urge you to immediately and unconditionally release all people who are unlawfully detained solely for having exercised their human rights, that of freedom of expression and assembly. This includes Loreto Hernández García, Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, Maykel Castillo Pérez (Osorbo), Roberto Pérez Fonseca and Saylí Navarro.

Sincerely