



**OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS**



Situation of human rights in Cuba

Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/11

The Commission on Human Rights,

Taking into account its resolution 2003/13 of 17 April 2003,

Considering that, in the above-mentioned resolution, the Commission urged the Government of Cuba to receive the Personal Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and to provide all the facilities necessary for her to be able to fulfil the mandate contained in resolution 2002/18 of 19 April 2002,

Aware that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is an obligation incumbent upon all States in the framework of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Considers* that the Government of Cuba, like those of all other sovereign States, irrespective of the current exceptional international circumstances which have obliged many States to step up security measures, should refrain from adopting measures which could jeopardize the fundamental rights, the freedom of expression and the right to due process of its citizens, and in that regard, deplors the events which occurred last year in Cuba involving verdicts pronounced against certain political dissidents and journalists, as reported internationally;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the Government of Cuba will continue its efforts to boost religious freedom and will initiate measures designed to facilitate the transition towards the establishment of a fruitful dialogue with all schools of thought and organized political groups in Cuban society, notwithstanding the delicate international environment, with the aim of fostering the all-round development of democratic institutions and civil liberties;

3. *Urges* the Government of Cuba, within the context of the full exercise of its sovereignty, to cooperate with the Personal Representative of the High Commissioner by facilitating the discharge of her mandate, as other sovereign States must do, in keeping with the purposes and principles set out in the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Decides* to consider this matter further at its sixty-first session, under the same agenda item.

*50th meeting
15 April 2004*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 22 votes to 21,
with 10 abstentions. See chap. IX. - E/2004/23 – E/CN.4/2004/127]