



Raleigh, July 23, 2025

To the attention of:

UN – OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)
Arbitrary Detention Team

Subject: Urgent request for intervention in the case of Cuban political prisoner José Daniel Ferrer García

Distinguished:

We are writing to you on behalf of LUMARA Human Rights, an international organization committed to the defense of human rights, to request your urgent intervention in the case of Cuban activist José Daniel Ferrer García, who is being held under inhumane conditions in Mar Verde prison in Santiago de Cuba.

Ferrer, founder of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was last arbitrarily imprisoned in April 2025. Since then, he has been subjected to torture, prolonged isolation, lack of medical care, and severe restrictions on communication with his family. The latest confirmed information indicates that he is being held incommunicado, with his physical and mental health seriously deteriorating.

Various international organizations, including Amnesty International, the IACHR, Human Rights Watch, and the European Parliament, have recognized his status as a political prisoner and condemned his arbitrary detention. However, the Cuban regime persists in its refusal to allow independent assessments or guarantee basic conditions of human dignity.

From LUMARA Human Rights:

- We request your immediate intervention to ensure the release of José Daniel Ferrer.
- We urge that international observers be allowed urgent access to his detention center.
- We demand the immediate cessation of all forms of torture and cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment against him.

Ferrer's life is in danger. His situation represents a serious violation of international human rights standards, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the United Nations Mandela Rules.

We count on your firm commitment to defending freedom, justice, and the lives of those who peacefully fight for the fundamental rights of their peoples.

Thanking you in advance for your attention and urgent action, we send our best regards.

Sincerely,

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