

# *Prominent Figures Call on Barack Obama to End Blockade on Cuba*

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Havana, October 25 (RHC)-- Renowned personalities of the political, social and cultural life in Spain and around the world have sent an open letter to President Barack Obama, urging the lifting of the U.S. blockade policy towards Cuba.

Signatories of the letter include Spaniard Federico Mayor Zaragoza, former director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Argentinean Adolfo Pérez Esquivel.

The letter is part of a campaign called 'For a 2016 without the Blockade on Cuba'. Coordinator of the initiative, Spanish journalist and writer Lois Pérez Leira, said the aim is to encourage the U.S. president to end the blockade policy, thus making the American continent a land of peace, brotherhood and free from wars, as dreamed of by Bolivar, Washington and Jose Marti.

Other Spanish signatories of the letter addressed to President Obama include United Left leader Alberto Garzón, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Spain Jose Luis Centella and Deputy Secretary of International Relations at Podemos Party Paul Bustinduy, as well as singer and actress Pepa Flores,

singer-songwriters Luis Eduardo Aute and Luis Pastor, poet Luis Garcia Montero, writer and playwright Alfonso Sastre, actor Hector Alterio and novelist Belen Gopegui.

In parallel with this campaign, several parliaments of autonomous Spanish regions have rallied unanimously against the U.S. blockade of Cuba. These include the parliaments of Galicia, the Basque Country, the Canary Islands and Andalusia.

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