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CUBA SOLIDARITY & ANTI-WAR ACTIVISTS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE CUBAN FIVE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

DATE: Friday, September 28

TIME: 10 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Justice Department, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Members of Rainbow Solidarity to Free the Cuban Five, the New York *and* DC Free the Five Committees, the No War on Cuba-DC, the National Network on Cuba, Troops Out Now Coalition (TONC), the Women's Fightback Network, a representative of BAYAN and other progressive and anti-war solidarity activists will hold a media conference at the Justice Department, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m.

Activists will deliver a petition to Acting Attorney General Peter Keisler signed by more than 1,000 organizations and individuals calling for a new trial and freedom for the Cuban 5—Ramón Labañino, Fernando González, René Gonzáles, Antonio Guerrero and Gerardo Hernández.

The five were convicted of trying to stop longstanding CIA-backed terrorist attacks against Cuba that have been funded, trained and operated out of and by the U.S. The Five are serving long sentences behind bars in U.S. prisons while Washington pours hundreds of billions of our tax dollars into its phony "war on terror." Countless national and international human rights organizations, including the U.N. Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions, have determined that the Five are being held unjustly.

The call for Rainbow Solidarity for the Cuban Five has received the support of a diverse group of individuals and organizations that fight against lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) oppression, as well as women's oppression. The full list is online at: www.freethefiveny.org.

This petition was initiated by LGBT and other activists battling oppression based on sexuality, gender expression and sex—one of the targeted progressive movements at whom the imperialist campaign to vilify Cuba had been aimed.

The petition is just one instance of the breadth of support the Cuban Five have garnered. In D.C., for example the newly formed Free the Five Committee along with others sponsored a major event recently at Howard University with noted Attorney Leonard Weinglass as a featured speaker.

Another example of support for the Five is an international gathering on the case that will take place in Quito, Ecuador in October that is expected to draw hundreds of people from around the world.