



## **YEPP Resolution: Support the opposition in Cuba**

*Adopted at the YEPP Congress in Sofia, Bulgaria on 9-12<sup>th</sup> May*

### **Recognizing:**

- That Angel Carromero, who was in the car, when the Cuban opposition figures Oswaldo Paya and Harold Cepero were killed, now has given interviews saying that the event was not an accident
- That the regime in Cuba has continued to deny the basic human rights of its citizens such as the freedom of speech and the freedom of association
- Oswaldo Paya, the leader of the Christian Democratic movement on Cuba, pioneered the Varela Project in 2002 seeking a national referendum to guarantee freedom of expression and association, amnesty for political prisoners and free elections. The petition drew more than 11,000 signatures.
- That Oswaldo Paya has been awarded the Shkarov prize for human rights and has been nominated by the Norwegian parliamentarian Dagrun Eriksen - from the Norwegian Christian Democratic Party - for the Nobel Peace Prize several times
- That Oswaldo Paya and another opposition figure Harold Cepero died in a car crash
- That Angel Carromero, who was in the car with them has recently given interviews saying that the event was not an accident

### **Acknowledging:**

- That it is required that 40 MEPs supports an international investigation for it to be started
- That Oswaldo Paya was a Spanish citizen
- One important goal of the European Union is to spread democracy and human rights

### **YEPP calls on:**

- For the European Parliament to initiate an international investigation into what caused the deaths of Oswaldo Paya and Harold Cepero
- A referendum to be held in Cuba in line with the demands from the Varela Project
- That the possible and necessary legal steps be taken in Spain to ensure that the cases is followed and given a proper handling.
- The Castro regime to stop immediately the persecution of members of the Cuban opposition and their families including the family of Oswaldo Payá.