



**Statement of Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad):
judgement of Angel Carromero in Cuba.**

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) calls for transparency and judicial independence in Cuba, after the judgment rendered against Angel Carromero, charged with driving the car that crashed in the accident who died Oswaldo Paya Sardinias in 2012.

Oswaldo, was a Cuban dissident activist, founder and organizer of the Proyecto Varela that was asking the application of government reforms in Cuba, Paya was also awarded by the European Parliament with Andrei Sakharov prize for human rights in 2002 and candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize five times.

Although it is said that his death was a car accident, their families say it were not accidental. Carromero, was sentenced to four years in prison and is in Spain since December 29, 2012, to serve his sentence. All this, despite the evidence presented against him were often contradictory and the defense did not even have the space to present an expert report, nor had access to the evidence that the prosecution argued.

Is important clarify the existence of witnesses who are outside of Cuba such as Aron Modig, member of the Swedish Christian Democratic Party who was traveling with Angel Carromero.

Oswaldo's family, in a recent statement expressed distrust of the judicial body Cuban arguing that *"... is presented by the same organs of State Security of the government that have threatened (to Oswaldo) tried to kill him multiple times through their agents"(...)* *"the same that have placed microphones on our bed, in*



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telephone boxes, the same as, knowing her mother has cancer were visited her for to intimidate her... "

Similarly, ABC of Spain, published the existence of text messages "SMS" posted by Aron Modig and Angel Carromero where, from their mobile phones, warned that they were persecuted and beaten to cause their vehicular collision.

The Permanent Secretariat of Redlad, platform to promotion of democracy and human rights comprising for more than 450 organizations, official member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

Urges the Cuban government to carry out judicial processes transparent, fair and based on evidence without intimidation of the defendant.

It calls for the democratic governments of the world to observe carefully the case, requesting the establishment of an independent international commission composed of political and legal notables, that although he may not have access to witnesses and evidence in Cuba if the government refuses to provide it, if can to call witnesses outside the island.

Requests organized civil society to manifest in favor of a fair judicial process conducted by a committee whose development includes the questioning of key witnesses, the right to defense and clear evidence.

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