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## **AGENDA**

### **CUBA: VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FEAR AND INTIMIDATION**

Organization of American States  
Hall of the Americas  
Washington DC  
April 18, 2023  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

#### **Welcoming Words**

Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States

#### **Introductory Remarks**

Frank Mora, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the OAS

#### **Recorded Video Statements from Cuba dissidents on the ground**

#### **Keynote Speaker**

Commissioner Edgar Stuardo Ralón Orellana, Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and to Prevent and Combat Torture. Inter American Commission on Human Rights.

#### **Panel Discussion (proposed topics)**

1. *Freedom of Expression and Assembly*

To include violence, censorship, arrests, harassment, and defamation of the country's independent press. Internet service restrictions against critics and dissidents. State Monopoly of the formal media sector.

2. *Freedoms and the arts: expressions of music, films, literature, book publishing, poetry, and other artistic creations.*

To include persecution, abusive restrictions on movements and communications, arbitrary detentions, imprisonment, and forced exile. Harassment to prevent artists from expressing their social and political concerns. Imposition of Decree-Law 349.

#### **Panelists**

1. Javier Larrondo, President, Prisoners defenders
2. Monica Baró, Journalist
3. Anamely Ramos, Artist
4. Anyelo Troya, Artist-Music Producer

#### **Moderator**

Pedro José Vaca Villarreal, Rapporteur for the Freedom of Expression, Inter American Commission on Human Rights.