

British MPs Support Cuban Five

London, March 6. (Presna Latina) - Members of Parliament from different political parties in the UK asked today for the release of Cuban antiterrorist fighters who are still imprisoned in the United States and called for stronger international action to that end.

The call was made here by Baroness Angela Smith, president of the All Party Group (groups of legislators from all parties in Parliament on specific topics), devoted to the case of Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González and René González.

These men, known as the Cuban Five, were arrested in 1998 in the United States while trying to thwart the plans of terrorist organizations in Florida against Cuba.

Fernando Gonzalez and Rene Gonzalez came out of jail after fully meeting their long sentences imposed.

Smith, of the Labour Party, led a meeting with personalities from different countries that will attend the work of an international commission of inquiry into the case of the Cuban Five on Friday in London.

The meeting was also attended by Baroness Gloria Hopper (conservative) and MPs from Scotland and Northern Ireland, along with other parliamentarians from Germany and Belgium.

Deputy President of the European Parliament Miguel Angel Martínez, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, former President of Cuban Parliament Ricardo Alarcón, Cuban MP Kenia Serrano, relatives of the Cuban Five and victims of terrorist attacks against Cuba also participated in the meeting held at the headquarters of the House of Commons.

Baroness Smith reported that they lodged an appeal to the local court against the British government's decision not to grant visa to René González to attend the proceedings of the international commission in London.