



PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Chairman Jagland and Members of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee,

On behalf of the Government of Hungary, I would like to respectfully nominate Dr. Óscar Elías Biscet González for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. Biscet is a man of courage and dignity. He is a doctor, a human rights activist and political prisoner in Cuba. Dr. Biscet has been an ardent defender of human rights and fundamental freedoms since the 1980s. For his fight for the freedom of his people, he has paid with his own personal freedom.

In 1997, Dr. Biscet founded the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights in Havana with the mission to defend inalienable rights. This foundation proposed to Cubans the fundamental reform of their political, social and economic life so as to bring it into accord with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He is also a leader of Friends of Human Rights, a grassroots organization through which small groups of civilians discuss human rights.

From 1999 to 2002 Dr. Biscet served a three-year sentence for organizing peaceful political protests. Dr. Biscet was arrested on December 6, 2002, in Havana on the way to a colleague's home to attend a meeting of the Friends of Human Rights. When police tried to arrest Dr. Biscet, He and 16 colleagues sat on the ground and chanted "long live

human rights" and "freedom for political prisoners." Everyone in the group was beaten and arrested. As a result of Dr. Biscet's continued human rights advocacy, in 2002 He was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

To express my deep concern for and solidarity with this brave, selfless man, I have taken symbolic patronage over Dr. Biscet in 2008. I have made a pledge to do my best to protect this outstanding man's life and to see his release from prison.

In recent years, as other Cuban political prisoners have been released abroad, Dr. Biscet has made clear that he will not accept release conditioned upon leaving his country.

On the basis of the above, I would hereby like to ask you and Members of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee to consider awarding the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize to Dr. Óscar Elías Biscet González for his relentless and self-sacrificing struggle for universal human rights and freedom.

Sincerely,



Viktor Orbán