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Following a recent meeting in Havana with several members of the International Law Section of The Florida Bar, prominent Cuban dissident René de Jesús Gómez Manzano has accepted an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Florida Bar at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, and to address the Section on Friday, June 26, 2015, at the Executive Council meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Dr. Gomez, a lawyer, is one of the authors of The Homeland Belongs to All (La Patria es de Todos), a call for economic, social, and judicial reforms in Cuba. He has been arrested and jailed on multiple occasions for his activities on behalf of human rights in Cuba. In 1994 and again in 1997 he was declared a Prisoner of Conscience by Amnesty International. He is the recipient of numerous international human rights awards, among which are the 1997 International Human Rights Award from the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, the 1999 Grand Prize for Press Freedom granted by the Inter-American Press Association, and the 2007 Ludovic Trarieux International Human Rights Prize awarded by the Human Rights Institute of the Bar of Bordeaux. Dr. Gomez will address the Section on the present status of the human rights movement in Cuba.

Regards,

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