

Vice President Miguel Díaz-Canel Leads Cuban Delegation to Re-Inauguration of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega



Managua, January 10 (RHC)-- Vice President Miguel Díaz-Canel is leading Cuba's delegation to Tuesday's re-inauguration of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega.

Other members of the Cuban delegation include Mercedes López Acea, a Council of State vice president and member of the Cuban Communist Party's Political Bureau, Deputy Foreign Minister Rogelio Sierra and Cuban Ambassador in Nicaragua, Juan Carlos Hernández Padrón.

In November, Daniel Ortega won a third consecutive five-year term as Nicaragua's president, capturing more than 72 percent of the vote.

The current presidential term is in reality Ortega's fourth, for a total of a quarter century leading Nicaragua. He was instrumental in the 1979 Sandinista overthrowing of the Somoza dictatorship, which had ruled the country for the previous four decades.

Under Ortega's Sandinista National Liberation Front, poverty levels have fallen

dramatically in Nicaragua, while the country's economy has grown by an average of more than 5 percent over the past five years.



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