

# *Washington Shuffles Funds for Anti-Cuba Policy*

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Washington, February 14 (RHC)-- The U.S. administration withdrew 17.5 million dollars from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) amid political disputes and mismanagement of funds earmarked for subversive actions against Cuba.

The funds will be allocated for the offices of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and Western Hemispheric Affairs Office, with the U.S. State Department, as well as for the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), which is considered a CIA smoke screen, Prensa Latina news agency reported.

The initiative indicates that the US policy aimed at achieving what Washington calls a regime change in Havana will keep intact under the Barack Obama administration.

Secretary of State John Kerry tried to cut the expenses of the US programs against Cuba when he used to head the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee by stating that those funds were useless and unnecessarily risky.

In late 2006, an audit by the General Accountability Office into the USAID anti-Cuba activities revealed the use of funds to purchase items that were not related to what they term 'the promotion of democracy,' such as cashmere sweaters, Godiva chocolate, Sony play station sets and other products.

Under the Barack Obama administration, the U.S. State Department has allocated 20 million dollars annually to fund anti-Cuba hostile groups inside and outside the island, with the aim of promoting the so-called 'agenda for democracy.'



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