

# *Cuba rejects expulsion of Russian diplomats from U.S., other nations*

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Havana, March 29 (RHC) -- The Cuban government on Wednesday rejected the expulsion of a large number of Russian diplomats by Western countries.

In a statement, the press and communication director of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, Alejandro Gonzalez, said these unilateral measures taken by Washington and other NATO member countries "are not responsive to dialogue, understanding and cooperation that should prevail in international relations."

"Cuba believes that cooperation should prevail over confrontation and rejects the application of unilateral measures that undermine international stability," Gonzalez said.

He added that these actions were adopted even without waiting for the result of an impartial investigation into the attack of Russian ex-spy Sergei Skripal.

Russian foreign minister Serguei Lavrov, rejected the expulsion of more than 140 Russian diplomats from western nations, accusing Washington of "colossal blackmail." He further said there are "few independent countries" left in modern Europe.

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