

# *Cuba rejects at UN Council manipulation of human rights issues*

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Geneva, June 28 (RHC)-- Cuba rejected at United Nations headquarters in Geneva the politicization of the issue of Human Rights, as well as the manipulation, double standards and selectivity of its treatment.

Speaking at the 38th regular session of the UN Council for Human Rights, Cuban ambassador Pedro Luis Pedrosa regretted that 'dialogue and cooperation, some of the foundations on which the Council was created, have been left aside and confrontation, politicization, selectivity and double standards have been privileged,' Prensa Latina reported.

The Cuban representative denounced that debate continues to be used so that powerful countries, seeking to establish themselves as paradigms of promotion and protection of human rights, criticize countries of the South, omitting their own and serious violations of human rights.

'There is no talk of the rising to worrisome levels of xenophobia, racism and intolerance in those countries that refuse to recognize the right to development, as a basic human right', he deplored.

The diplomat expressed the rejection of the use of the human rights issue 'to exert political pressure and seek to impose punitive actions, with the objective of promoting regime changes'.

Pedroso reiterated Cuba's solidarity with the governments and peoples of Venezuela and Nicaragua and called for an end to all interference in the internal affairs of those countries.

The Ambassador said that the island will continue its struggle so that its society is as fair as possible, promoting international solidarity and cooperation, with the conviction that through dialogue and respect it is possible to achieve a better world for all.'

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