

# *President Diaz-Canel urges Cubans to participate massively in Constitutional Reform consultations*

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Havana, August 4 (RHC)—Cuba’s president Miguel Díaz-Canel urged citizens on Friday to prepare very well for the popular consultation on the draft Constitution that will be held from August 13th through November 15.

At the end of a visit to the eastern province of Holguin, the president said that the individual preparation will have an important weight in the face of the consultation, because the project has many changes and several of them are very bold.

The Cuban head of state said it is necessary to encourage the participation of Cubans from all walks of life in the upcoming process.

The proposed reform is aimed at making the national constitution reflect changes undergone in Cuba in the social and economic arenas.

Under the proposed new text, the Communist Party remains as dominant political force in Cuba. Presidents will be limited to serving two consecutive five-year terms, and political power will be divided between the president and a prime minister.

According to a television report, during the last day of Diaz –Canel visit to Holguín, the president met with business executives and local authorities.

During the encounter he spoke of the need of better communication between authorities and the people and he stressed the importance of expediting the finding of solutions to the problems existing in the communities.

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