

# *Spain and Cuba for expanded relations and cooperation*

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Madrid, October 22 (RHC)-- The government of Spain has confirmed the good state of its relations and cooperation with Cuba and expressed willingness to consolidate ties with the island.

In a communiqué following a working visit to Spain by the Deputy Foreign Minister Marcelino Medina, the Spanish government said the meetings allowed for the two governments to review the state of bilateral relations and discuss issues of common interest, as well as the agenda in the regional and multilateral fields.

Medina met on Friday with Spanish Foreign Minister Joseb Borrell and with the Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, Juan Pablo de Laiglesia.

The meetings confirmed “the good state of those links and of the cooperation between both countries, as well as the will to expand them,” read the Spanish communiqué, adding that to this end, Cuba-Spain political consultations will be held periodically.

The president of the government of Spain, Pedro Sanchez, is scheduled to conduct an official visit to Cuba in November, between the 22nd and 23rd. The visit of the social-democratic leader will be the first by a Spanish head of government to the island in the 32 years.

Deputy Foreign Minister Marcelino Medina closed a tour in Madrid that first took him to Russia, New Zealand, Timor Leste and Australia.

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