

# *Cuba-Canada 4th Round of Talks on Migration held in Ottawa*

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Havana, August 30 (RHC) The 4th Round of Migration Talks between Cuba and Canada concluded in Ottawa on Thursday.

The two-day meeting was chaired by Ernesto Soberón Guzmán, General Director of Consular Affairs and Cuban Residents Abroad of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, and Kathy Thompson, Vice-president of the Canada Border Service Agency.

According to the Cuban Foreign Ministry website, during the working sessions, the migration flow between Cuba and Canada was assessed and negotiations continued in view of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Migratory matters.

Both parties reiterated the willingness and commitment of their respective governments to take joint actions to ensure a regular, organized and safe migration flow between Cuba and Canada; and increase bilateral cooperation in the fight against illegal trafficking of migrants and human trafficking.

The Cuban delegation welcomed the decision of the Canadian authorities to resume some immigration services in Havana, while expressing its confidence that the Canadian immigration staff would be restored in a short term and the current situation might be reversed and return to normality, in accordance with the nature of the historical relations between the two countries and the ties between Canadians and Cubans.

On the other hand, the Cuban delegation stressed that more than a million Canadian citizens visit the Caribbean island annually, enjoying a friendly and respectful treatment by the Cuban people and the public safety that prevails in the country. The delegation also conveyed the island's commitment to continue facilitating the trips of Canadians wishing to visit Cuba.

Both delegations reaffirmed their willingness to continue these exchanges in the future, considering its importance for both countries.

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