

# *Cuban foreign minister calls for investment in health rather than armaments*

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El ventilador pulmonar más caro del mercado cuesta como promedio 50 mil USD; un avión F-35A CTOL 89 millones 200 mil USD.

Si se destinaran iguales recursos a la salud que a la industria armamentista en [#EEUU](#), un solo avión pagaría 1784 ventiladores tan necesitados.

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Havana, August 17 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez has called for investment in health equipment and supplies, rather than armaments.

On his Twitter account, Cuba's foreign minister pointed out that the most expensive pulmonary ventilator on the market costs an average of 50,000 dollars, while an F-35A CTOL plane is estimated at around 89,200,000 dollars.

"If the same resources were allocated to health as to the arms industry in the United States, a single plane would pay for 1,784 much-needed ventilators," said the head of Cuban diplomacy.

In this sense, he referred to the fact that modernizing an Abrams tank costs 92.2 million dollars, while the price of an N95 protective mask, before the pandemic, was only 50 cents. Such figures reveal that the 184.4 million masks that could be bought with the money invested in the upgrade of the Abrams tank would have saved tens of thousands of lives.

Overall, global military spending exceeds \$1.9 trillion, a reality that contrasts with the shortfalls of billions of people around the world.

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