

# *Díaz-Canel: Haiti will always be able to count on Cuba*

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Havana, August 15 (RHC)--Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel ratified that Haiti will always be able to count on Cuba and conveyed his solidarity with the Haitian people who have just suffered a devastating earthquake.

On Twitter, the President wrote, 'in these hard moments, as in others for many years, our health personnel are saving lives there.'

He also stressed that the more than 200 collaborators of the Cuban Medical Brigade in Haitian territory are doing well and are helping in every possible way.

Since Saturday, the medics have been offering assistance to those injured by the earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 on the Richter scale, which shook the country's south and left a preliminary balance of some 1300 dead and thousands of injured.

The partial balance estimates that more than 1,500 houses were damaged, some 800 of them with total collapse, and churches, hospitals, and schools were also damaged.

Following the disaster, the governments of Venezuela and Mexico reaffirmed the principles of solidarity with Haiti and announced the sending of humanitarian aid.

Havana and Port-au-Prince established diplomatic relations in February 1904.

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