

Cuba warns at COP26 about emission reduction promises for the media



Cuban Minister of Sciences and Technology, Elba Rosa Perez, exchanges with Bolivian President Luis Arce at COP26, Glasgow.

London, November 3 (RHC)-- Cuba warned at the climate summit being held in Glasgow, Scotland, about media-oriented targets for reducing carbon emissions as they can threaten the right to development of the poorest countries.

The island's Minister of Science, Technology, and Environment of the Caribbean, Elba Rosa Pérez, issued the warning at a meeting with leaders of developing nations held on Tuesday in the context of the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26).

At the meeting convened by the president of Bolivia, Luis Arce, in his capacity as coordinator of the Group of Like-Minded Developing Countries, Pérez argued that the goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 and other plans that seek to impose themselves outside the 2015 Paris Agreement may affect nations that are not precisely responsible for climate change.

The minister added that developing countries must defend their right to progress from an economic point of view, and at the same time, protect the planet, but always under the principle that the commitments made are in harmony with their national plans and circumstances.

Pérez also rejected the application of unilateral measures, particularly those that imply the exclusion or limitation of countries from receiving international funds and support to face climate change.

The head of the Cuban delegation to the COP26 to be held in the Scottish city until November 12 also participated on Tuesday in a meeting held by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres with representatives of Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, Spanish-speaking members of the Bolivarian Alternative for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA).

The international organization leader was interested in knowing the positions of the bloc on the most relevant issues of the event, among them the new financing goals to help developing nations meet the commitments on the environment adopted in Paris six years ago.

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