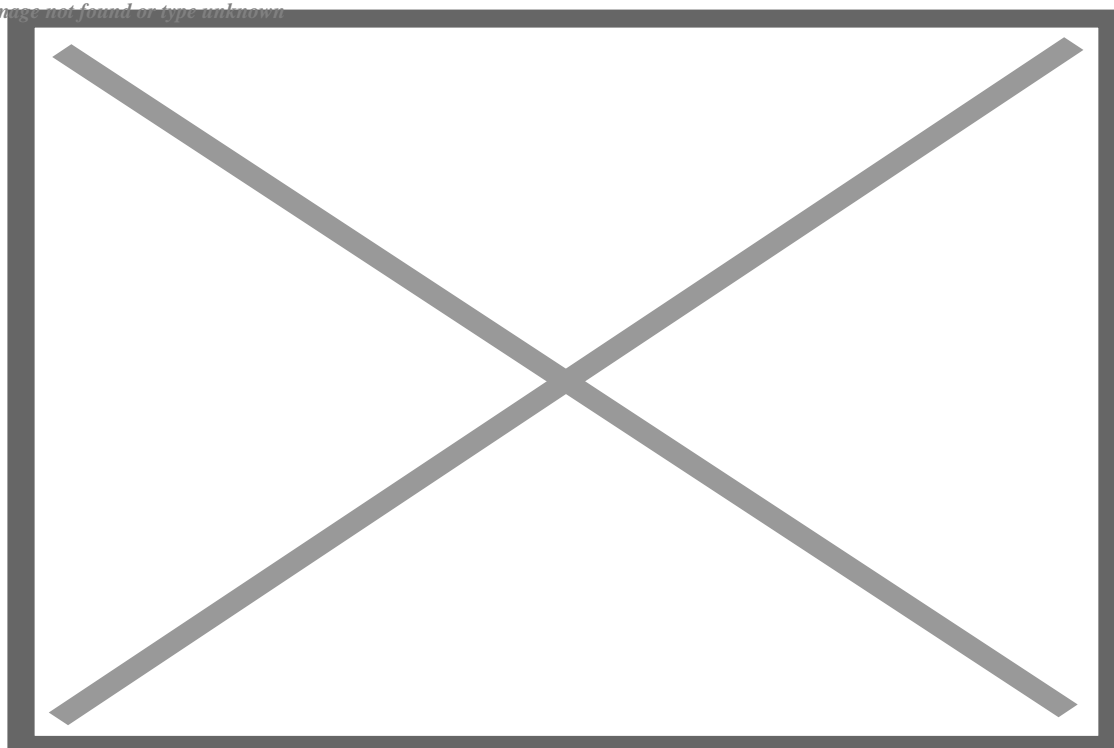


# *Prime Minister issues an urgent call to support foreign trade*

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Havana, Cuba, Mar 3 (RHC) At a meeting to evaluate the results of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment (MINCEX) in 2022, Cuban Prime Minister Manuel Marrero Cruz urged to provide urgent support to every step related to these operations to ensure the vitality of the country.

Remarks by Minister Rodrigo Malmierca Díaz, and other executives and specialists, about MINCEX's results in international cooperation, led Marrero Cruz to delve into their key role as the international situation becomes more complex.

While recognizing the impact of the U.S. blockade, the world economic crisis, global prices, war in Europe, and the anti-Cuban media campaigns on Cuban daily life, he called on them to focus on the shortcomings of their work and crack down on whatever tampers with their performance at every level, in the conviction, he stressed, that things need to change in 2023 if Cuba expects to make progress, including the reduction of red tape.

He also instructed not to disregard the role of foreign investors who are still willing to do business in Cuba despite the existing financial difficulties and to follow up on the agreements signed by the Cuban leaders during their recent tours to strengthen economic and trade relations with other nations. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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