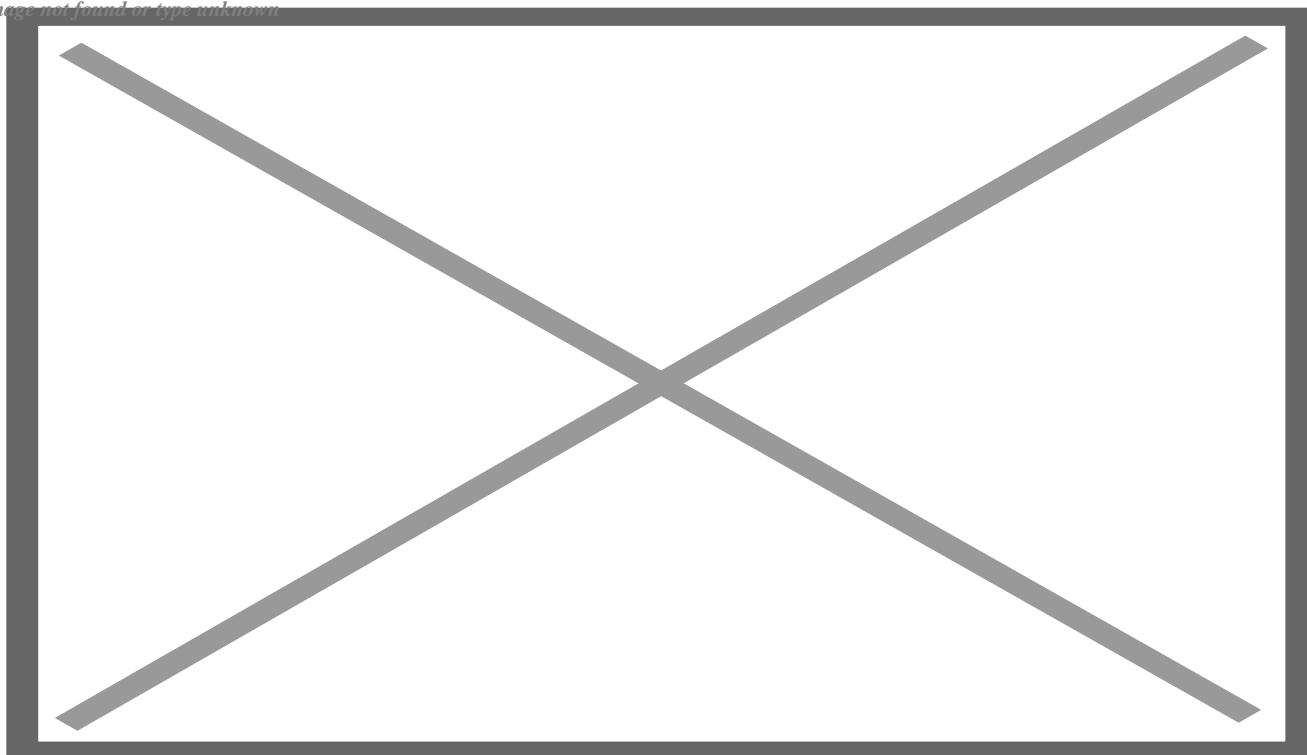


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Havana, March 20 (PL)-- "#Cuba is proud of you," President Miguel Díaz-Canel wrote today on Twitter, addressing the Cuban baseball team, ranked among the top four in the V World Baseball Classic.

"Congratulations admirable #TeamAsere. You won three times: when you made team, when you qualified first and when you played to the last out against a great team and against hatred of the worst kind. You made history. #Cuba is proud to see you," said the president after the conclusion of the Cuba-United States game, won by the latter.

The challenge, which began the semifinals of the tournament, took place at the Loandepot Park stadium in Miami and for the Antilleans had the additional pressure of Cuban exile extremists who politicized their presence and carried out aggressive actions against the presence of the team from the island, composed of players who play in the national league and in foreign teams, including in the U.S. Majors.

The call for a popular reception on Monday for the team that was placed in the quartet of countries of the top of the world in this discipline, after failing to pass the qualifying stage in the last three editions, was reported on social networks.

#TeamAsere (nickname of the Creole team) received the support of its fans in various parts of the world during last night's match, before which Díaz-Canel also wrote on Twitter: "...all the thoughts, feelings and emotions of #Cuba will be placed on the field. #HastaLaVictoriaSiempre."

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