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Havana, Apr 26 (RHC) - Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez warned today of the increase in world military spending in eight consecutive years, reaching 2.24 trillion dollars in 2022. He also denounced that with 39 percent of such figure, the United States continues to be the country that profits the most from the death industry.

Rodríguez is based on the most recent report of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), an independent international institute dedicated to the investigation of conflicts, arms, arms control and disarmament.

SIPRI's analysis details that world military spending increased by 3.7 percent in real terms in 2022, to reach a record of two thousand 240 billion dollars. It adds that global spending grew by 19 percent during the decade 2013-22 and has a trend of increasing every year since 2015. Military spending in Europe rose 13 percent over the previous year, which was the largest annual growth in total spending in the old continent in the post-Cold War era.

The text stresses that the exceptional growth was largely due to substantial increases in spending by Russia and Ukraine, but many other European countries also increased their military budgets. The report also underscores that spending increases in parts of Asia and Oceania also contributed to global growth last year. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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