

# *Cuba advocates for fairer relations between CELAC and the EU*

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At a time when relations between the two blocs are not at their best, Cuba attended the Third Summit of CELAC, Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, and the EU, European Union, to put forward constructive ideas and denounce the impact of the U.S. blockade.

Precisely, the meeting of 60 countries culminated with a declaration rejecting that siege.

As highlighted by President Miguel Díaz-Canel in his speech at the summit, the participants condemned

the inclusion of the archipelago in a unilateral list of the United States of countries which, according to their point of view, sponsor terrorism.

The repudiation of the blockade was also noted at the Peoples' Summit parallel to that of the Heads of State and Government, where Díaz-Canel defended the right of the nation to advance along its own path, without foreign interference.

And as an expression of principles and response to the provocations of the European right wing, the land of José Martí guaranteed in Brussels that it will continue to guarantee the enjoyment of human rights of its citizens.

To continue strengthening cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms was the main idea conveyed by Cuba's first president when he met in Brussels with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk.

The Cuban dignitary's meeting with the German Federal Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, in which they agreed on deepening political dialogue and expanding economic ties, was noteworthy.

And if it is a matter of dialogue, the Caribbean nation also took advantage of the meeting between CELAC and the EU to highlight the importance of the implementation of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the 27 and Havana.

It was not idle to underline it during the conversation between President Díaz-Canel and the President of the European Council, Charles Michel.

Retrograde forces in Europe, in collusion with the extreme right of the Cuban-born emigrants in Miami, are working frantically to achieve the withdrawal of the bloc's financing for programs of direct support to the Cuban population.

Not by chance, exponents of the reaction in Miami traveled to Brussels to demand more pressure against the Cuban government and people.

Even in the midst of these plans of dark forces to overshadow Cuba's participation in the summit meeting between Europeans, on the one hand, and Latin Americans and Caribbeans on the other, the truth of this nation could not be silenced.

Therein lies President Díaz-Canel's exhortation that the 27 and Latin America and the Caribbean can and must build better, fairer, more balanced, solidary and cooperative relations.

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