

*With the Summit, Cuba sustains
a transforming vision*



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The Summit of the Group of 77 and China in Havana, Cuba's pro tempore presidency of a collective of 134 nations that can do more in an increasingly unequal world, should march towards inclusive multilateralism.

The convening of the meeting of Heads of State and Government on science, technology and innovation as a premise for development promises to open channels to new ideas and policies for the benefit of the global South.

The largest and most diverse grouping of developing nations, as defined by President Miguel Díaz-Canel in Johannesburg, with two-thirds of UN members and home to almost 80 percent of the world's population, is resisting inequalities, exclusion and poverty.

These adversities are also highlighted in the field of science, as rich countries retain most of the patents, technologies and research institutions and take advantage of talent from the impoverished South.

In the midst of the pandemic, developing countries had only 24 doses of antigens for every 100 inhabitants, while the affluent countries had almost 150 doses for the same number of people.

But it is not only in this direction that progress can be made in the Group of 77 and China, even amidst the diversity of political and economic options.

Transforming the present harmful international financial architecture, which is markedly unjust and anachronistic, was a timely demand at the most recent BRICS forum in the South African city of Johannesburg.

This is a long-established demand of the Group of 77 and China, but now there are new incentives to give it impetus, when there is an arbitrary prerogative of the dollar, with the United States at the forefront of its use.

Also, the G77 and China can achieve practical coordination with the BRICS to ensure the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities in the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Against this backdrop, together with the search for more affordable development financing flows and the demand to mitigate food insecurity and trade restrictive measures, the Havana summit is shaping up as a propitious opportunity for dialogue, in pursuit of the realization of legitimate aspirations of the global South.

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