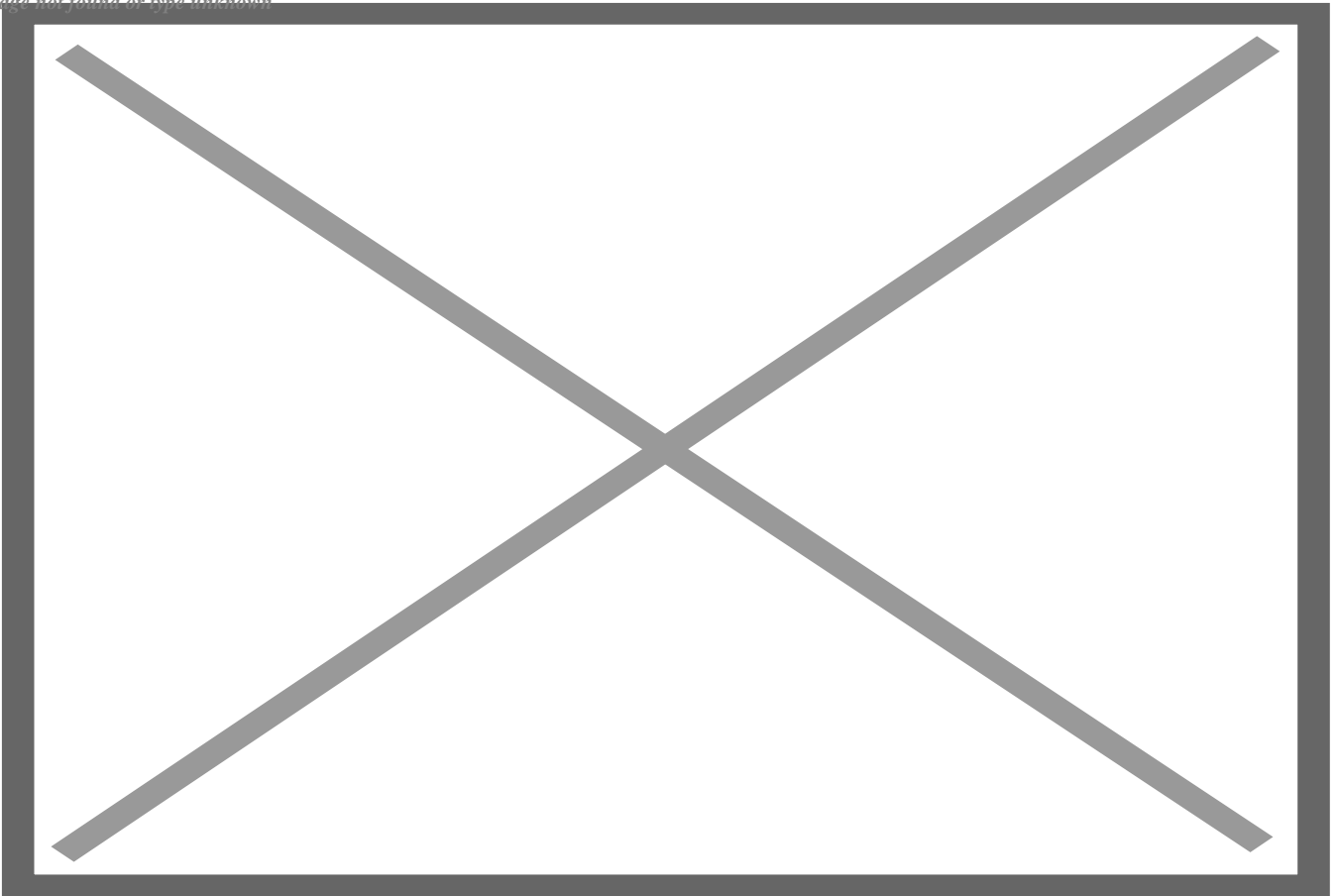


# *Cuba will ratify commitment to strengthening Celac*

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**Cuban president Miguel Díaz-Canel is expected to speak at the 8th CELAC summit**

Havana, March 1 (RHC) Cuba will ratify its commitment today to regional integration and the strengthening of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), at its eighth summit in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Cuban president, Miguel Díaz-Canel, is expected to speak this Friday at the regional event, which is also celebrating the 10 years of the signing, in Havana, of the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace.

The president will hold an intense day of meetings and debates at the summit, where the island will continue to contribute to the strengthening of CELAC, as reported by Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs Bruno Rodríguez on the social network X.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines hosts the event that brings together leaders and other government officials from the bloc's 33 countries.

The summit will take place at the Sandals resort in Buccament Bay. At its opening, the local Minister of Foreign Affairs, Keisal M. Peters, will present a report on the management of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines at the head of the organization.

CELAC emerged in December 2011 with the purpose of promoting unity and political, economic, social and cultural integration of the member states.

With this meeting, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will bid farewell to its mandate at the head of the bloc, becoming the first member of the Caribbean Community to assume such responsibility.

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