

# *Cuba implements economic agenda with Russia and the Eurasian Union*

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As part of an approach that highlights its ties with the Eurasian Economic Union and especially with Russia, the number of contacts of Cuban delegations with representatives of the bloc and the Slavic country increases.

A new intervention by a Cuban dignitary at the meetings of the Eurasian Economic Union took place when the Prime Minister, Manuel Marrero, addressed the Intergovernmental Council virtually.

The Head of Government reaffirmed the importance given by his country to the bloc and stressed the need to achieve greater coordination that allows the development of joint projects.

Marrero highlighted the importance of formalizing business with the hope of promoting the export of Cuban products to Russia, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Belarus and Kyrgyzstan, members of that mechanism.

Prime Minister Marrero's expressions complement those of President Miguel Díaz-Canel at a recent summit in Moscow for the 10th anniversary of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Moving towards a deeper integration was a concept presented by the Head of State of Cuba.

Cuban Deputy Prime Minister Ricardo Cabrisas remains in Russia, who in addition to meeting with officials and businessmen, heads the delegation invited to the Saint Petersburg Economic Forum.

Conceived as a platform on which Russia confronts Western sanctions over the conflict with Ukraine, the forum has tens of thousands of businessmen and personalities from 136 countries.

Cuba intervenes in this area at a time when it needs to expand and diversify its economic, commercial and financial ties and cooperation with Russia.

That last country has a determining role in Cuba's National Economic and Social Development Plan until 2030 and has already formalized projects of great interest in the energy, industrial and tourism spheres as well as foreign investment.

The Eurasian giant is expected to provide decisive support to the Cubans, faced with accentuated material limitations due to the intensified US blockade and the country's inclusion on a list of sponsors of terrorism, according to Washington's view.

With difficulties in accessing fuel, zero international credit, closing of agreements with banks for fear of the siege of the White House, contraction of agriculture and transportation, the Caribbean nation is not standing idly by and is counting on Russia and countries of the Eurasian Economic Union in such difficult times.

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