

# *Cuba Ratifies its Support of PetroCaribe Regional Energy Program*

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Caracas, Mar 7, (RHC), — Cuban first vice-president Miguel Diaz-Canel ratified his country's determination to keep working for the further development of the PetroCaribe regional program, during the 9th Summit of that bloc, held Friday in Caracas.

Diaz-Canel called on PetroCaribe member states to turn the bloc, founded in 2005, into an instrument that favors economic interconnection and complementariness with strong-impact social programs.

Since its setting up, PetroCaribe has provided 300 million barrels of oil to its member states, which has allowed for the availability of resources to fight poverty, boost economic development and build fairer societies.

During his stay in Caracas, the top Cuban official held talks with Venezuelan authorities and corroborated the excellent state of bilateral relations between Caracas and Havana.

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