

Ban Ki-moon Praises Cuba, U.S. for Rapprochement



Panama City, April 11 (RHC) – U.N. Secretary-general Ban Ki-moon is praising presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro for moving to restore U.S.-Cuban diplomatic relations after decades of hostility.

Ban says at the Summit of the Americas that the region is "overcoming longstanding divisions in historic ways, as we see in this very room."

He notes that it's the first time all 35 nations of the Americas have attended the summit. Cuba was excluded for years, and Ban says President Raul Castro's presence Friday evening fulfills a wish felt across the region.

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