

# *World Leaders, Governments and Media Welcome Re-establishment of Cuba-U.S. Relations*

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Havana, July 2 (RHC) — International media outlets and world governments and leaders have highlighted the re-establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba, and the opening of embassies in both countries on July 20th.

Press in Latin America, Asia and Europe recognized the move as a step in the right direction and echoed U.S. President Barack Obama's call on the Congress to lift the economic blockade on Cuba.

Media like VTV and Correo del Orinoco backed the declaration issued by the Cuban government, asserting its intention to develop friendly and respectful relations with its northern neighbor.

Meanwhile, China applauded the bilateral announcement in an official statement, and insisted on the need to remove U.S. economic sanctions on Havana, something that would benefit both sides.

The European Union considered the news as historic and also joined the worldwide demand for the lifting of the trade barriers. And Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General ratified his support for both countries' efforts to promote harmonious relations.

The governments of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, South Africa, Pakistan and Mexico also issued statements welcoming the historic development in Cuba-U.S. relations.

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