

Inter-religious Meeting for Dialogue and World Peace Wraps Up in Havana



Havana, October 19 (RHC-PL) -- Participants in the International Meeting for Inter-religious Dialogue and the World Peace reaffirmed their willingness to work together to build a better world.

Different religious groups showed their willingness to do everything in their power because "there is harmony and concord among men regardless of creed or social status."

On the final day of the event, held from Friday to Sunday at the Palace of Conventions, they pledged to work for an end to destruction, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, all kinds of discrimination and suffering.

They will also direct efforts to tolerance, acceptance, peaceful coexistence and human reflection.

Participants agreed to support the restoration of relations between Cuba and the United States, a process that will not be completed until Washington puts an end to the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on Cuba for more than half a century.

They agreed to defend causes such as the independence of Puerto Rico, peace in Colombia, the return of the Malvinas Islands to Argentina, and Bolivia's right to access to the sea and combat prejudice against Islam, among other humanist issues.

In closing remarks, Caridad Diego, the head of the Office of Attention to Religious Affairs of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, described the meeting as positive.

She highlighted the effort of the organizers and called to continue "to look for love, peace, justice and all that unites us, rejecting what divides us."

Diego recalls that wars exist and this climate remains in the world while it is lamented that sacred texts are misinterpreted; and conflicts are created that afflict women, children and the elderly.

She praised the role of the members of the Cuban Inter-religious Platform in the efforts to return the five anti-terrorists of the Caribbean island to their homes while imprisoned in the United States. The Cuban Five -- as they are internationally known -- were imprisoned in the United States for reporting on terrorist plans hatched by extreme right groups in southern Florida.

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