

# *Cuba Condemns Washington's Politicization of Migration Issue*

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Havana, November 18 (RHC)-- The Cuban government has reiterated its condemnation of the politicization of the migration issue by the United States and called for legal, safe and orderly emigration.

Cuban citizens are victims of the U.S. Cuban Adjustment Act and particularly of the so-called "Dry Feet-Wet Feet" policy, which gives Cubans special treatment as emigrants to the United States, according to a statement by the Cuban Foreign Ministry.

The statement recalls that over the past few days, a complex situation was created following the arrival in Costa Rica of over one thousand Cuban citizens coming from other countries of the area with the aim of traveling to the United States. Those persons left Cuba legally to different Latin American nations, but in the attempt to reach U.S. territory they have become the victims of human traffickers and criminal gangs, which unscrupulously profit from their control of the flow of these persons through Central America and Mexico.

The statement issued by the Cuban Foreign Ministry notes that Cuban authorities have permanently kept in contact with the governments of the countries involved in the event in order to find a fast and appropriate solution, considering the well being of the Cuban citizens.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry emphasizes that these citizens are the victims of the politicization of the migration issue by the U.S. government, the Cuban Adjustment Act and in particular by the so-called "Dry Feet-Wet Feet" policy, which encourage irregular migration from Cuba to the U.S. in violation of the current migration accords.

Cuba also denounces that the U.S. administration maintains the so-called Parole for Cuban Medical Professionals, adopted in 2006 by the George W. Bush administration to encourage doctors and other medical personnel to abandon their missions in third countries and migrate to the United States.

The statement notes that the Cuban citizens that have legally left the country and meet the requirements of the current migration law have the right to return to Cuba if they want to do so, and affirms the commitment of the Cuban government to a legal, safe and orderly migration.

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