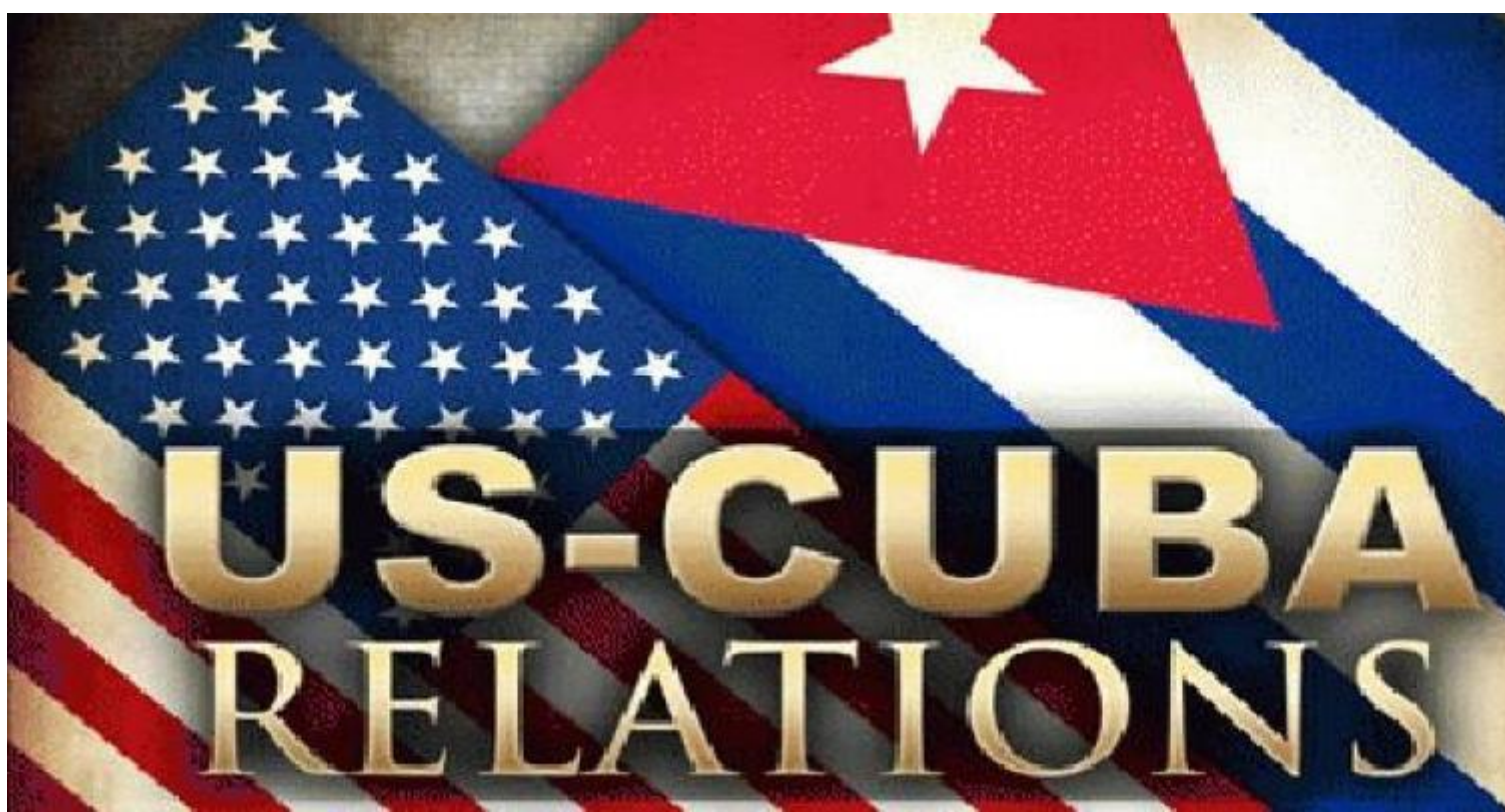


Cuba Will Raise Situation of Illegal Migration During Upcoming Conversations in Washington



Havana, November 27 (RHC)-- Cuba will raise the issue of illegal migration during talks with U.S. officials next week in Washington, DC. A new round of migration talks between Cuban and U.S. delegations will be held in Washington on Monday and Tuesday -- November 30th and December 1st -- headed by the Director General of North America at the Cuban Foreign Ministry, Josefina Vidal Ferreiro, and U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. State Department, Edward Alex Lee.

According to an article published on the website of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, both sides will review the progress of the migration accords between the two countries and discuss cooperation in dealing with illegal immigration.

The Cuban delegation will reiterate its concern about the validity of the so-called "wet feet-dry feet" policy, which encourages illegal emigration and violates the spirit and letter of the agreements in force, and Cuba's rejection of the "Parole Program for Cuban Medical Professionals" -- depriving Cuba of vital resources and affecting cooperation with other countries -- as well as the Cuban Adjustment Act.

The Foreign Ministry says Cuba will express its concern about the stimulus of illegal, unsafe and disorderly emigration of those who legally enter and leave Cuba as the first country of destination, from where they continue to the United States, becoming victims of networks of traffickers and organized crime. It was noted that as a result of Washington's policies, a number of Cubans are presently in a very difficult situation in Costa Rica and other countries in the region.

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