Cuba Reiterates Willingness to Receive Migrants Wanting to Return



Mexico City, December 23 (RHC)-- The Cuban government has reiterated its willingness to receive all citizens who are stranded in Central America and want to return to Cuba.

It has also urged the U.S. to change its migration policy towards Cuba, which Havana says would be a major contribution to find a solution to the case, while also contributing to prevent similar situations in the future.

Representatives of Central American nations -- plus Ecuador, Cuba, Colombia and the U.S. -- met in Mexico City on Tuesday to address the situation of thousands of Cubans stranded in Costa Rica in their effort to migrate to U.S., lured by Washington's anti-Cuba legislation.

At the meeting, Mexico agreed to let the Cubans continue on their way to the United States. Costa Rican Foreign Minister Manuel Gonzalez said that U.S. authorities have agreed to accept the Cubans who make it to their border according to their "dry-foot, wet-foot" policy, adding that they will keep that piece of legislation in force despite the fact that it encourages the irregular migration of Cubans.

The Costa Rican foreign minister announced an upcoming meeting on the issue to be held on Monday, December 28th either in Guatemala or in Mexico.

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