

Prime Minister Trudeau Says 'Canada Will Continue Working With Cuba'



Ottawa, June 17 (RHC)-- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said his country is proud of the current state of bilateral relations with Cuba, and expressed his government's determination to continue working with Havana in areas of mutual benefit.

Questioned about President Donald Trump's latest decision to revert aspects of his predecessor's rapprochement with the Caribbean state, the Canadian head of state said Washington's decisions will not affect in any way the dynamics of relations between Ottawa and Havana.

Speaking at a joint press conference with his Belgian counterpart Charles Michel Friday in Ottawa, Trudeau said: "We maintain respectful, constructive relations with Washington. But we have always had different opinion on a series of issues, and the level of our relations and commitment with Cuba is certainly one of them."

He further said that Canadian companies' investment in Cuba, bilateral trade and the joint projects in sectors like tourism will continue unabated despite Trump's anti-Cuba remarks.

Canada is Cuba's fourth major trade partner globally and the main market of tourists to the Caribbean state, with 30 percent of all foreign visitors to the country in 2016.

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