

President Raul Castro Calls for Deep Analysis of Economic Update Process



Havana, March 3 (RHC)-- Cuban President Raul Castro insisted in the need to critically and constructively analyze the ongoing process aimed at updating the country's economic model, which must involve the active participation of all officials and leaders from the base to the top government levels.

Raul said that the process will continue to advance without any haste. He said "what we are doing is not perfect, sometimes we lack experience in some areas and we make mistakes; so each topic must constantly be critically followed." He also said that "we have been used to receiving indications from the higher levels and this must change."

The Cuban president made his statements during a meeting of the Council of Ministers on Saturday, which adopted steps to improve geological research and the development of the land registry in the country, the experimental setting up of a new group of cooperatives. The meeting also considered actions to counter the consequences of mistakes in the investment process, the results of the 8th National Internal Control Verification and current plans related to the 2014-2015 higher education school year.

The head of the permanent commission for the implementation of the economic and social guidelines, Marino Murillo, presented a proposal to set up new cooperatives. He recalled that the first 126 of those entities were experimentally approved in 2013, then were joined by another 71 in July that year and by another 73 in October, meaning that some 224 cooperatives have already been set up.

Murillo said that a new group of 228 cooperatives will operate in the sectors of gastronomy and services, construction, transport, industry and food processing as well as in the energy sector.

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