

# *Cuba and Venezuela approve 2019 cooperation plan*

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Havana, December 15 (RHC)-- As part of the Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement established in October 2000, Cuba and Venezuela signed three initiatives during the closing session, this Friday, of the Intergovernmental Cooperation meeting, chaired by Venezuelan Executive Vice President Delcy Rodriguez and the vice president of the Council of Ministers of Cuba, Ricardo Cabrisas.

The parties signed a project to strengthen educational policy in the fields of science and higher education, as well as a training and advisory agreement for technical services in electro-medicine, and an agreement to develop capacities for agricultural production in urban environments.

The plan includes a further 22 projects covering areas such as health care, the supply of medicines, electric support, professional training, sports and cultural promotion, agriculture and food, in addition to support services for the Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement.

Speaking at the closing session of the meeting, Delcy Rodriguez stressed that the agreements represent the continuation of what was initiated 18 years ago by the revolutionary leaders Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez.

This is a defining moment for our peoples, because it is not just a signing of documents, but a reflection of the work and commitment by two countries that came together to raise the dignity of free peoples, she said.

Here we are not signing the opening of military bases, but projects to bring happiness to our people, Rodriguez noted.

For his part, Ricardo Cabrisas stated that cooperation this year had been effective despite severe difficulties caused economic warfare against Venezuela and the U.S. blockade against Cuba.

He also expressed Cuba's rejection of unilateral coercive measures that hinder Venezuela's development, and repeated the island's unwavering support for the Bolivarian Revolution and President Nicolas Maduro.

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