

# *Cuba rejects OAS Secretary General's 'show' on the island's Constitutional Referendum*

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Havana, February 12 (RHC)-- Cuba has reiterated that it does not recognize any moral or legal authority of the Organization of American States (OAS), or any of its officials and subsidiary bodies attempting to single out the island.

In response to a media show organized in Washington DC by the OAS Secretary General on the Constitutional referendum that will be held on the island next February 24, Eugenio Martinez, general director of Latin America and the Caribbean of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said that Luis Almagro is wrong in repeating the script so many times rehearsed against Cuba.

"It is striking that the Secretary General, with his distinctive anti-Cuban obsession, reiterates mere slanders and lies about our country while ignoring so many pressing matters in Our America, matters to which he does not devote the same efforts, time and resources of the organization of which he is an

official," Martinez said.

The Cuban diplomat recalled that Almagro should know that neither he nor the OAS has the right to discuss the constitution of a State that is not and has no interest in becoming a Member State and, therefore, is not bound by nor has any obligation whatsoever towards its treaties.

Martinez stressed that the OAS is the organization that, at the service of US imperialism, supported attempts to isolate Cuba; supported military interventions in Latin America; cruel military dictatorships created, financed and protected for years by the United States; and failed to denounce the most heinous tortures in the region, trampling over the rights of the peoples of Our America.

With regards to the Constitution that is being submitted to ratification by the Cuban people, Martinez said that it stems from the sovereign authority of its people who democratically discussed the document that will be soon be voted upon.

And he ended his remarks stating that "the Cuban Constitution is to be discussed and adopted only by the Cubans, as will be confirmed next February 24."

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