

# *Diaz-Canel says that many people on the island and in the US reject the cancellation of MLB-Cuba deal*

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Havana, April 9 (RHC)-- Cuban President, Miguel Diaz Canel Bermúdez, stressed that many people in Cuba and the United States reject the cancellation by US president, Donald Trump, of an agreement between the Cuban Baseball Federation and Major League Baseball (MLB).

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