

# *Russia and Cuba reaffirm excellent bilateral ties*

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Moscow, May 27 (RHC)—The Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, met with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, on Monday to discuss a wide range of topics on the international and regional agenda.

Rodríguez said that the encounter was an opportunity to ratify the excellent bilateral ties, and the common interest to expand relations in the political, commercial and cooperation spheres.

In remarks to the press after the meeting, Lavrov said that the US growing pressure on Cuba under the Helms-Burton Act contradicts international law.

"The decision, which was endorsed in Washington, drastically contradicts both international law and demands of the overwhelming majority of members of the international community," Lavrov said.

"We discussed Washington's attempts to reformat Latin America as it sees fit in the spirit of the Monroe Doctrine that is being revived,"

The Russian foreign minister added that the experience of Cuba confirms the failure of the policy of dictation in international affairs and futility of power politics.

"We see eye-to-eye with the Cuban friends as to inadmissibility of the illegitimate sanction pressure and confirm that we are categorically against the US economic, trade and financial blockade against Cuba. We will continue to resolutely support the rightful demands of Havana that this blockade be stopped without delay," the Russian top diplomat stressed.

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