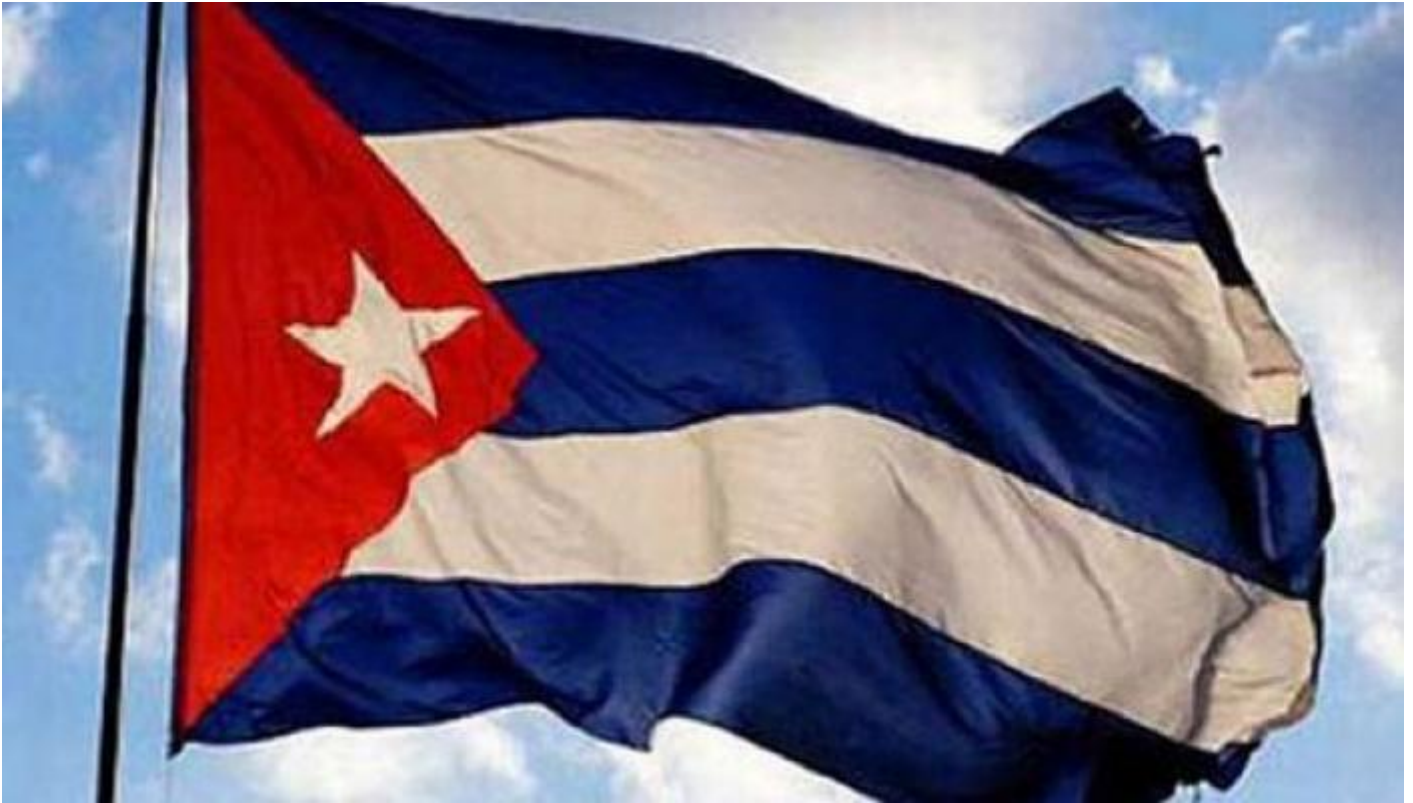


Cuban Authorities Receive Turkish Minister



Havana, May 3, (RHC), -- The Vice President of the Council of Ministers of Cuba, Ricardo Cabrisas, welcomed on Friday the Minister for European Union Affairs of the Turkish Republic, Mevlut Āavuolu, who pays a working visit to Cuba.

Local news agencies report a meeting took place on Friday, where both officials expressed their satisfaction for this visit and reiterated the importance of strengthening and diversifying the economic-commercial links between their nations.

The visiting Turkish official was accompanied by Turkish Ambassador Hasan Servet Aktem, First Deputy Minister for EU Affairs, Alaattin Buyyukaya and General Director for the Americas, Ali Kaya Savut.

The Head of Department of European and Canadian Affairs of the Cuban Foreign Ministry and other government officials also attended the meeting.

Cuba and Turkey have enjoyed good relations since the establishment of diplomatic links, which have been strengthened in recent years, through trade and tourism. Also, recent reports indicate that the government of Turkey will be funding the construction of the first mosque to be built in Cuba, following talks with government and religious authorities from that European country last month.



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