

# *Cuba denounces new U.S. statements against medical collaboration*

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Havana, June 11 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez has rejected the new declarations of the U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in which he attacks the Cuban medical cooperation abroad and the Pan-American Health Organization, PAHO.

On his official Twitter account, Cuba's top diplomat described the most recent words of the White House representative as a threat to peace, a position that once again ratifies the current isolation of the United States in its attitude of attacking Cuba in the midst of the confrontation with COVID-19.

"Secretary of State, an exponent of the current corrupt and immoral foreign policy of the United States, reiterates his aggressive purposes. He demonstrates isolation by attacking PAHO and the medical cooperation of Cuba. He is a threat to peace," the Cuban foreign minister tweeted.

At a press conference on Wednesday, Pompeo attacked PAHO, the regional office of the World Health Organization, for its role as intermediary in Cuban medical cooperation in Brazil.

The Cuban presence in this initiative began in August 2013, precisely through PAHO, and during five years of work about 20 thousand collaborators treated 113 million 359 thousand patients in more than 3,600 municipalities -- until the forced departure of Cuban doctors from that nation at the end of 2018, according to data from the Ministry of Public Health, published by Prensa Latina agency.

Since then, Donald Trump's administration has increased its attacks against Cuban medical collaboration, to the point of calling on other nations not to accept such aid, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moreover, Pompeo's comments come after Trump continuously questioned the work of the WHO during the pandemic, which for some observers say is an attempt to divert attention from Washington's poor response to the health emergency.

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