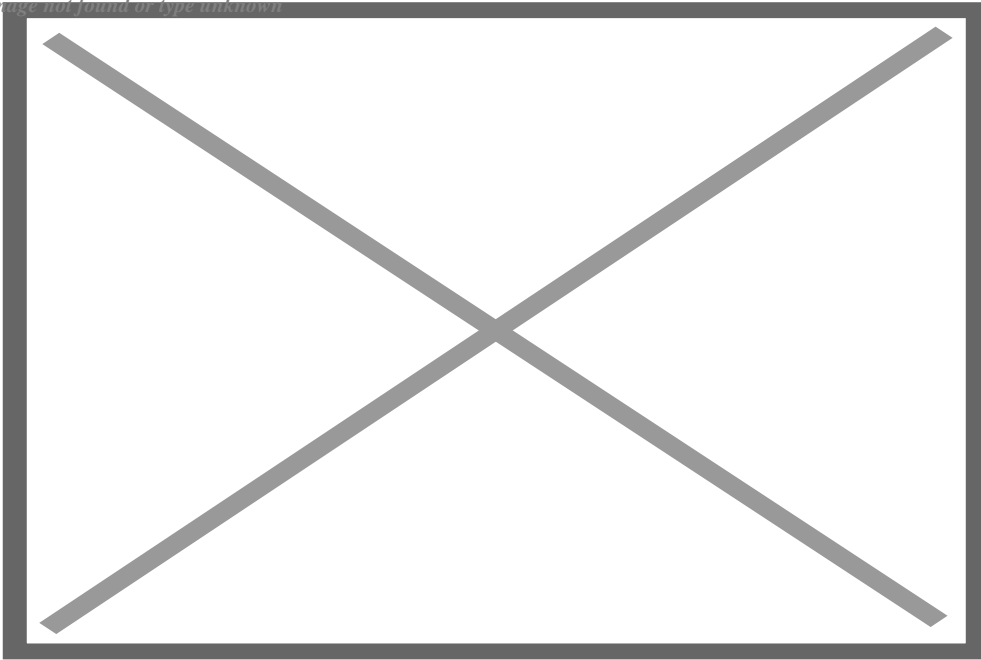


Cuba 2020 Business Forum concludes

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Havana, December 9 (RHC)--The Business Forum 'Cuba 2020' concluded Wednesday after two days of promoting the island's exportable offers and the possibilities of foreign investments. Some 2,360 people participated.

The First Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment, Ana Teresita González, highlighted that this meeting took place in a complicated year marked by the Covid-19 pandemic and the global recession.

During the closing of the event, the official pointed out that among the participants there were 1,306 foreigners from 104 countries and 381 Cuban exhibitors, who showed some of the most attractive and competitive products of the catalog for exportation.

Through the platform created for the Forum, she also said that foreign entrepreneurs arranged 1,080 meetings with representatives of Cuba.

The vice-minister stated that the meeting was a space of condemnation of the economic, commercial, and financial blockade of the United States against Cuba.

Likewise, she expressed her wish that the sanitary conditions would allow the 38th International Fair of Havana to be held in 2021. However, she warned that initiatives such as this online event could also be available.

Speaking at the Forum's opening on Tuesday, Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment, Rodrigo Malmierca, presented the new Portfolio of Opportunities for doing business on the island, which includes 503 projects.

The portfolio incorporates 112 new possibilities distributed throughout the national territory, 44 of them in Mariel's Special Zone of Mariel Development.

Likewise, Malmierca proposed more than 800 exportable offers for the 2020-2022 period; that is, 570 products and 260 services will be available for sale abroad, some of them belonging to the Cuban private sector.

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