

# *Foreign Minister urges the U.S. to keep respectful relations with Cuba and Latin America*

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Havana, March 1 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez urged the new U.S. administration on Monday to maintain a respectful relationship with the Caribbean island and Latin American nations.

Speaking at the 21st Meeting of the Political Council of the Bolivarian Alternative for the Peoples of the Americas-People's Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP), the head of Cuban diplomacy called on the White House to maintain ties based on the postulates of the proclamation that established the region as a Zone of Peace.

The Foreign Minister denounced the intensification during the Covid-19 pandemic of Washington's blockade on Cuba and pointed out the policy's extraterritoriality character.

He also condemned the inclusion of Cuba in the spurious list of nations that, according to the U.S., sponsor terrorism and thanked the ALBA-TCP member countries for their solidarity and support given that decision.

Rodriguez rejected the implementation of Title III of the Helms-Burton Act and the subversive actions promoted from U.S. territory against our country, whose purpose is to destroy the economic and social order chosen by Cubans.

Also, he encouraged the U.S. administration to totally reverse the unilateral coercive measures that cause harm to the people of the Caribbean nation.

He ratified Cuba's firm support and solidarity with the Bolivarian Revolution and the condemnation of U.S. threats and aggressions against the South American nation.

Likewise, he reiterated the support to the Caribbean countries in their right to a fair and differentiated treatment to address climate change, natural disasters, the injustices of the international financial system and the current health emergency.

Rodriguez also reaffirmed before the members of ALBA-TCP, Cuba's willingness to contribute through the means at its disposal to the confrontation of Covid-19 in the area.

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