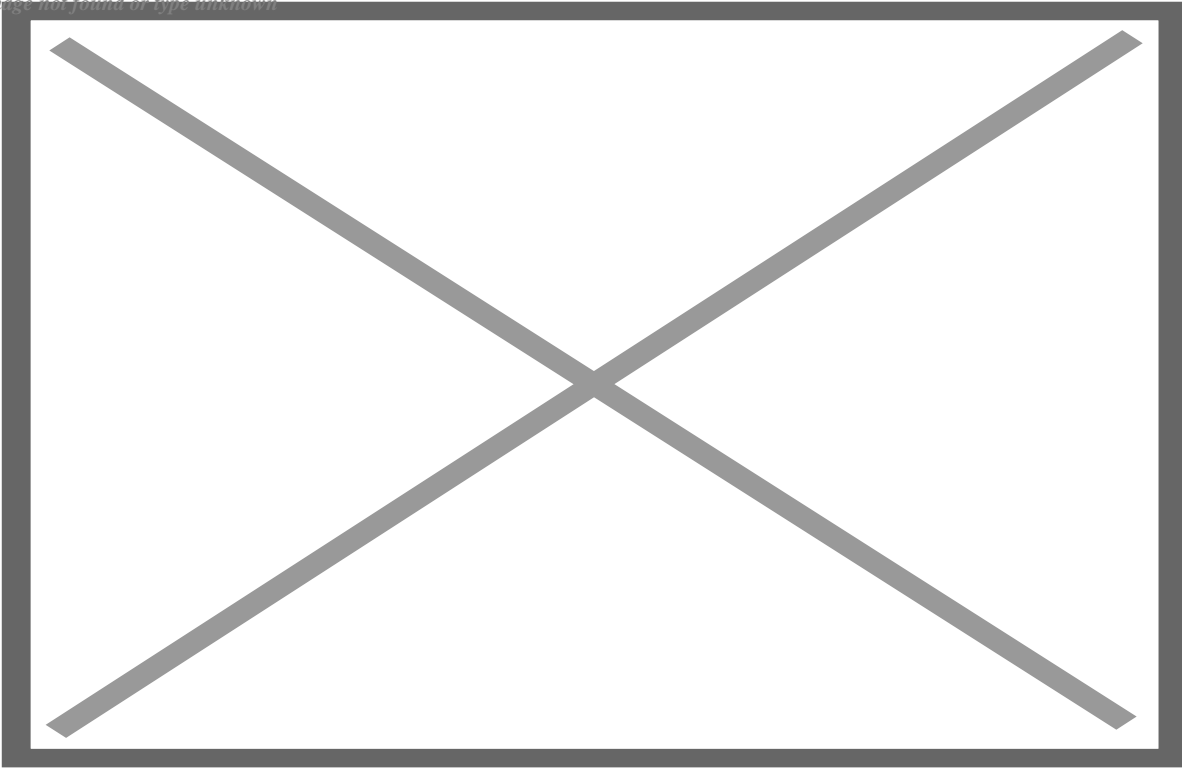


# *Cuban Foreign Minister exchanges with UN General Assembly President*

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**Bruno Rodriguez and Abdulla Shahid**

United Nations, Sept 24 (RHC) Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez today congratulated and wished success in his mandate to the president of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, Maldivian diplomat Abdulla Shahid.

'I highlighted the necessary defense of multilateralism and strict respect for the purposes and principles of the UN Charter,' the foreign affairs minister wrote on his Twitter account.

The two sides held a dialogue within the framework of the high-level segment of the UN General Assembly, which will be in session until September 27.

Previously, the Cuban Foreign Minister spoke with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, whom he thanked for the help sent to face Covid-19 on the island.

Rodriguez also met with the head of Venezuelan diplomacy, Felix Plasencia, to whom he reiterated his solidarity with the Bolivarian Revolution and the rejection of unilateral coercive measures against that South American nation.

Since last Monday, the Caribbean foreign minister held talks with the foreign ministers of Syria, Vietnam, Qatar, South Africa and Portugal.

He also spoke with the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Miguel Ángel Moratinos, and with the executive director of the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Winnie Byanyima. In the vote for president of the Assembly, Abdulla Shahid won with the support of 143 countries over Afghan diplomat Zalmay Rassoul, who received the backing of 48 nations. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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