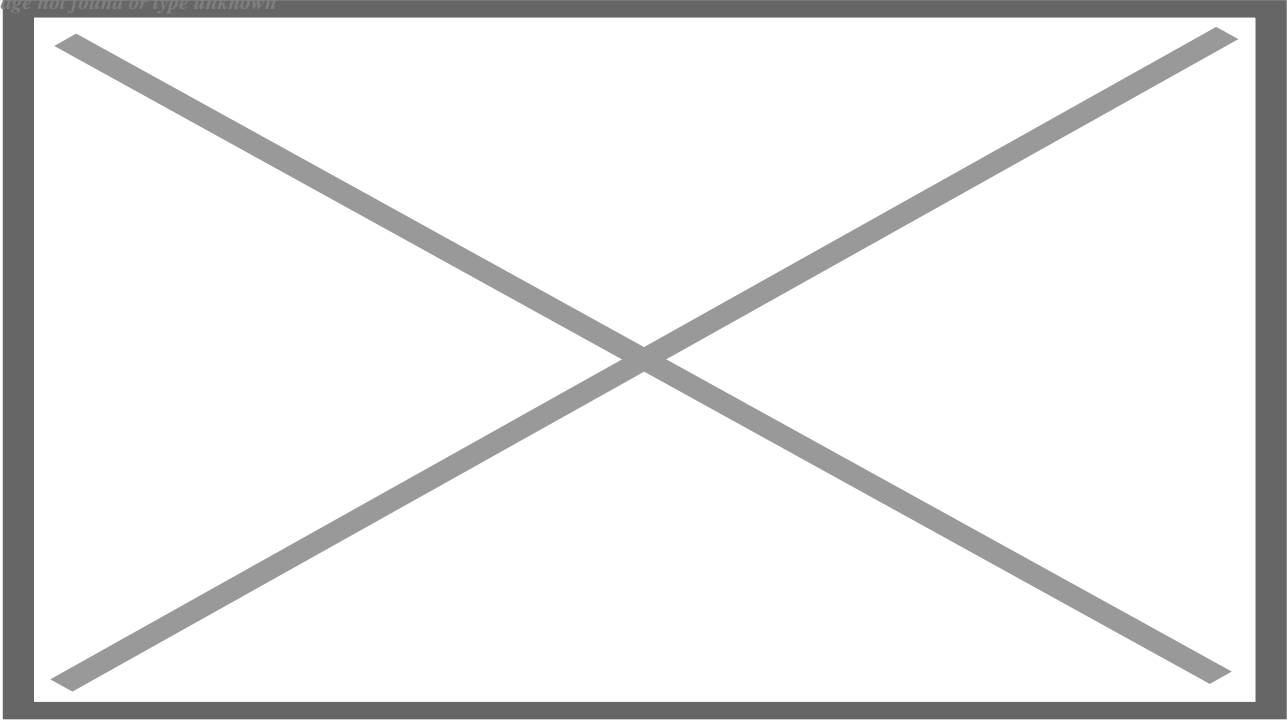


Cuba attends meeting on Ibero-American Cooperation

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The Cuban side advocated for the strengthening of inclusive cooperation. Photo: Cubaminrex

Havana, July 8 (RHC)-- Rodolfo Benítez Verson, director general of Multilateral Affairs and International Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MINREX), is chairing the Cuban delegation at the Third Meeting of National Coordinators and Cooperation Officers of the Ibero-American Conference.

The meeting, which is being held in Madrid, Spain, on July 7 and 8, will discuss the priorities of this cooperation mechanism and will begin preparations for the XXVIII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, to be hosted by the Dominican Republic in March 2023, under the theme: Together for a fair and sustainable Ibero-America.

According to a report on the MINREX website, Benítez Verson assured that Cuba will maintain its traditional activism and constructive approach in Ibero-American initiatives.

He also advocated the strengthening of inclusive cooperation, with a view to benefiting more people through the efficient use of available resources for South-South and Triangular Cooperation, as a complement and not a substitute for the necessary North-South Cooperation.

The digital site highlighted the relevance of the activities developed by this mechanism in confronting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and emphasized the need to continue advancing in a coordinated manner to achieve the earliest possible recovery.

The Cuban delegation greeted the new Ibero-American Secretary General, Andrés Allamand Zavala, to whom it reiterated its support in the shared purpose of strengthening the Conference as an inclusive and diverse space for cooperation and respectful political dialogue among its members.

Benítez Verson was accompanied by the Director of Trade Policy with Latin America and the Caribbean of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment, Janet Fernández Padilla.

The Ibero-American Conference is made up of 22 Latin American and Iberian Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Cuba is a founding member since its establishment at the I Ibero-American Summit held in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1991

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