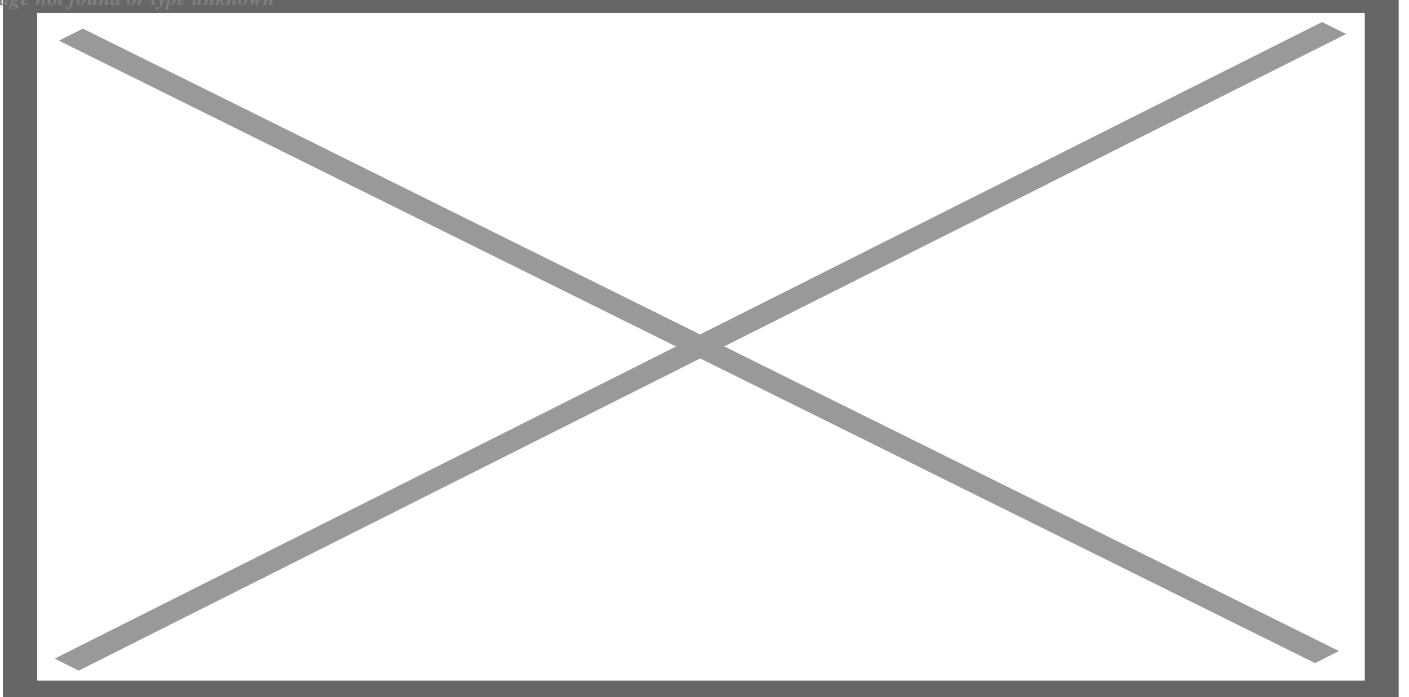


# *Unity in the face of great challenges*

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**Communist and workers' leaders from Brazil, Laos, Panama, Philippines and Finland visited Fidel Castro Center as part of the XXII EIPCO program. Twitter / @yimeld**

By Isis María Allen

Havana, October 27 (RHC)-- Joining efforts and initiatives to face the great challenges imposed by today's world are the objectives of the XXII EIPCO, International Meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties that from this Thursday until Saturday will be held in Havana, with the participation of more than 80 political forces from more than 60 countries.

Angel Arzuaga, Vice Chief and Coordinator of the Department of International Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, emphasized in a press conference the great responsibility that the country assumes in hosting this event, after three years without any face-to-face activities of that collectivity and the need to set a compass to guide the work of the coming year.

In this sense, he indicated that in Havana a final declaration and an action plan corresponding to the objectives expressed will be submitted for approval.

"United we are stronger" is the motto of the event to be held at the Havana Convention Palace where this Thursday the working group in which all the regions of the world are represented will analyze the documents to be submitted for approval at the meeting.

Also on Thursday, delegates will visit sites of interest such as the Fidel Castro Center and the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, as well as some of the capital's neighborhoods undergoing transformation, such as La Timba and La Corbata.

Founded in 1998 after the collapse of the socialist camp and the disappearance of the Soviet Union, EIPCO is today the oldest and most comprehensive organization of communist parties in existence.

117 organizations from countries of all continents are part of this mechanism of coordination in which Cuba works actively with proposals that contribute to promote international unity and solidarity among communist and workers' parties, without excluding positions.

From the members of EIPCO, Cuba has received solidarity in the struggle against the brutal blockade imposed by the United States and they have also rejected the inclusion of the island in the spurious list of countries sponsoring terrorism.

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