

# *Cuban vice-president talks with Brazilian party leader*

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**Vadés Mesa thanked Siqueira for his solidarity with Cuba and his support for the demand to end the blockade. (Photo: @SalvadorValdesM).**

Brasilia, Dec 30 (RHC) Salvador Valdés Mesa, Vice President of Cuba, met Friday with the leader of the Brazilian Socialist Party, Carlos Siqueira, as part of his work agenda in the South American

nation, where he arrived Thursday to participate in the inauguration of President-elect Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

On Twitter, Valdes Mesa described as friendly the meeting with the president of the Brazilian political organization, whom he thanked for his solidarity with Cuba and his support demanding the end of the economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed by the U.S. government for more than 60 years.

The day before, the Cuban vice-president held exchanges with local authorities on possibilities of cooperation in sectors such as the biopharmaceutical industry, tourism, food production, renewable energies, and culture.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry informed that Valdés Mesa will also meet with representatives of social movements, businessmen, and organizations in solidarity with the largest of the Antilles.

This January 1, the vice-president will participate in the inauguration ceremony of Lula da Silva. The vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Josefina Vidal; the director of South America of that Ministry, Carlos de Céspedes; and the Chargé d'Affaires of Cuba in Brazil, Adolfo Curbelo are part of the Cuban delegation. (Source: ACN)

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