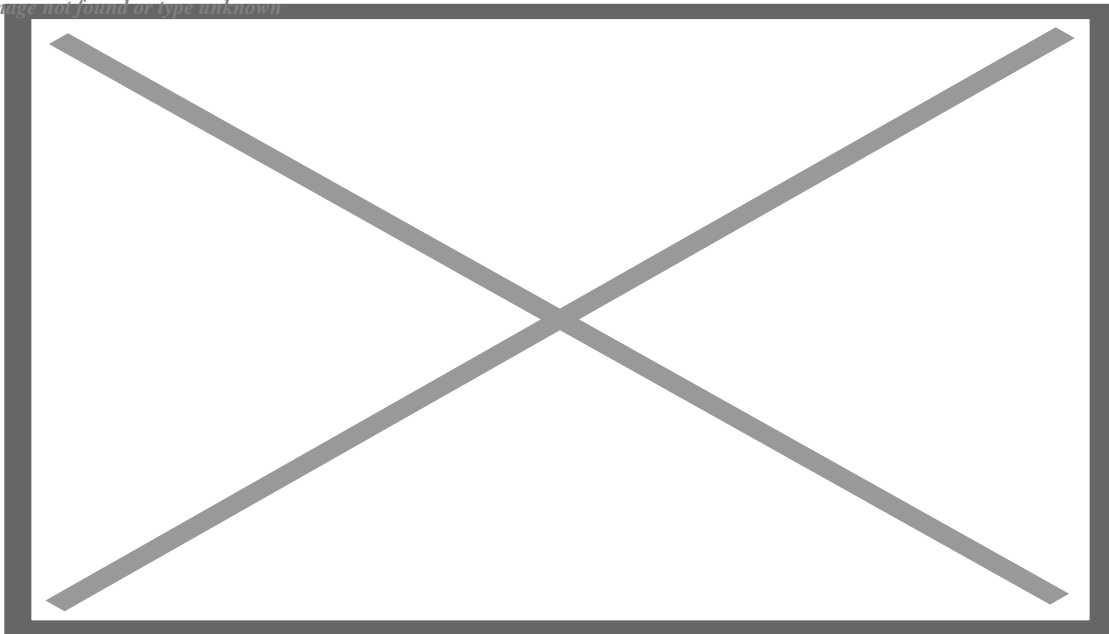


Mexican president affirms that his country will never turn its back on Cuba

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Andrés Manuel López Obrador, president of Mexico. Photo credit: Luis Barron / Eyepix Group / Future Publishing / Gettyimages.ru.

Mexico City, October 16 (RHC)-- "We will never turn our back on Cuba... because it is a country that suffers from an unjust blockade," Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador reiterated on Monday.

The Mexican president responded with great energy to a question from a journalist at his morning press conference about an alleged Exibank sanction for the supply of oil to Cuba. The journalist asked him if the decision to supply crude oil to Cuba had bothered the President of the United States, Joe Biden, and López Obrador responded that his northern neighbor had been very respectful in this regard and had not brought up the subject. He said: "That was invented by the right-wing."

Lopez Obrador recalled that the director of the Pemex company, Octavio Oropeza, had already made it very clear and again projected his statements denying the lies of his adversaries.

"There is no difference in that with the United States. But apart from that, in everything we can help the people of Cuba, we are going to do it. So that there is no doubt once and for all. We are going to do it including oil, because the people of Cuba suffer an inhumane, unjust blockade and we are not going to turn our backs on them. Nor do we have to ask permission from any foreign government because we are free, independent and sovereign," expressed the President.

"If the Cubans ask us to sell them oil because they have no other way of acquiring it, of course we will sell it to them. Just as they did when we requested their help because we have no medical specialists and when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out. And they sent them and we are very grateful," he said.

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