

Cuba Says Ebola in Africa Must be Fought by Joint International Cooperation



United Nations, September 19 (RHC) — Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Avelardo Moreno reiterated at the UN Security Council the island's determination to cooperate with international efforts to fight Ebola in western and central Africa.

The Ebola situation in Africa demands the collaboration of all countries, said Moreno, who recalled that Cuba responded to the request of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and World Health Organization Director General Margaret Chan to join the Ebola campaign.

Cuba is also willing to contribute to the prevention of the disease in the rest of the region that has not yet been affected, where over 4,000 Cuban doctors are currently working, Moreno announced. He explained that the medical brigades that will depart for Africa are part of the Henry Reeve International Contingent, set up in 2005, and made up of professionals specialized in situations of disasters and epidemics.

The Cuban response ratified the values of solidarity that have always characterized the Cuban Revolution, which imply sharing what we have and not what we have left-over, Moreno stressed, adding that Africa is now waiting for the immediate response of all UN member states and particularly those that

have enough resources.

The Cuban deputy foreign minister concluded: "Humanity has a debt with the African countries and we cannot let them down."

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