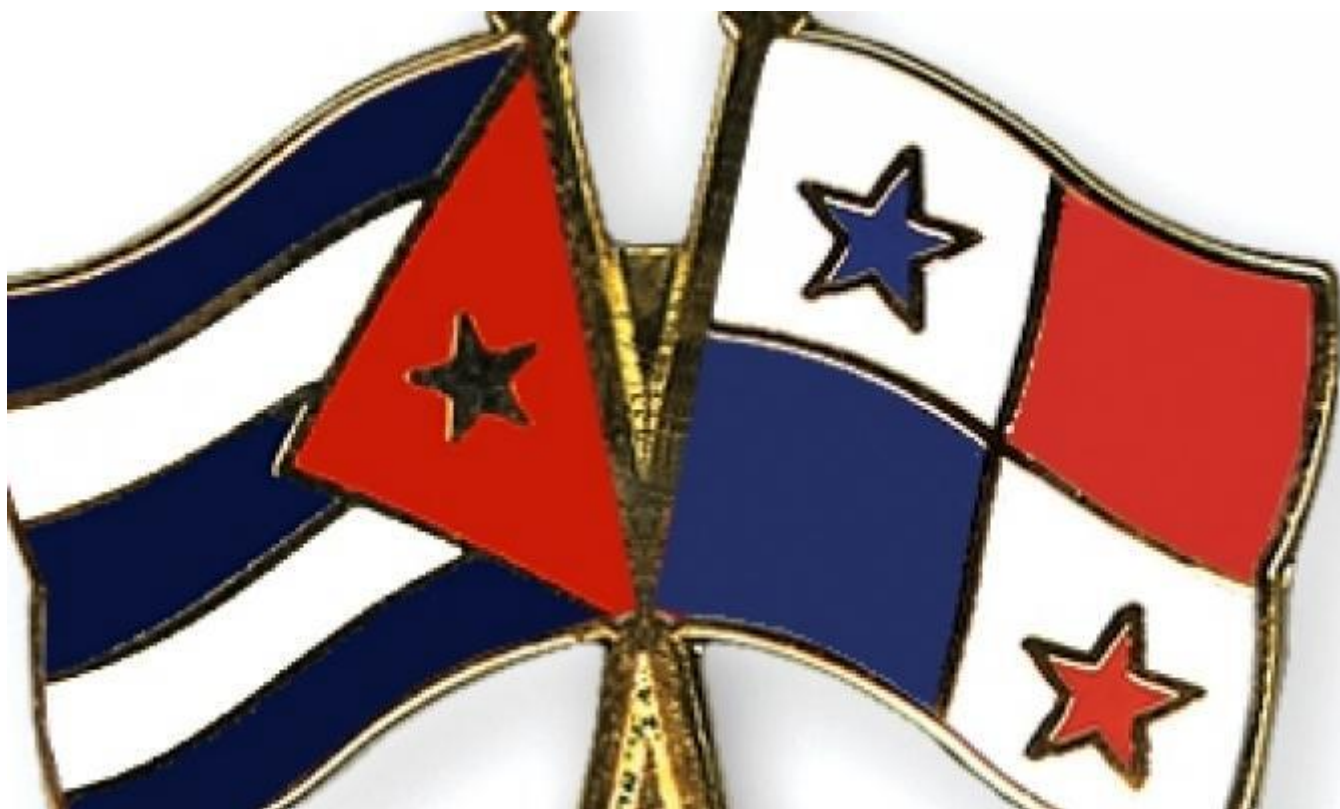


# *Panama Highlights Meeting of its Foreign Minister with Raul Castro*

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Panama, Sept 20 (PL-RHC), The government of Panama issued a note Friday underlining the importance of the meeting between its foreign minister, Isabel de Saint Malo de Alvarado and the President of Cuba, Raúl Castro. The meeting took place at the headquarters of the Council of State in Havana, during which both governments expressed their interest in reviving a bilateral agenda.

Specifically, De Saint Malo expressed the importance of strengthening and expanding cooperation.

President Raul Castro and Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez proposed triangular cooperation agreements that benefit Caribbean countries, identifying areas and specific needs of the region.

Another item on the agenda, the note added, was the revitalization of economic and trade relations, with the opening of a new airline service between Panama and Villa Clara.

Likewise, the existing accord between Cuba and Panama will provide the opportunity of enhancing trade between the two countries, the Foreign Ministry said.

Cuba and Panama has organized a follow-up meeting to firm-up a cooperative agenda for the next five years, in the areas of health, literacy, sports, agriculture, maritime and logistics.

De Saint Malo concluded her official one day visit on Thursday described it as productive, beautiful, and a step to improve the connections between two neighbor countries with longstanding friendly relations.

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