

# *Cuban president closes Plenary Session of the Central Committee of the PCC*

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Havana, December 16 (RHC)--The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and President of the Republic of Cuba, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, in his closing remarks at the 7th Plenary Session of the Central Committee of the Party, called on the political leadership and communist militants to act together for a common goal: to save the Homeland, the Revolution, socialism, and to win.

In his speech, the Cuban leader said that this morning we should rediscover the "mythical breath" of the Revolution and rise up from it; rediscover the paths of legend and heroism that made us live episodes like those of Girón, or the fight against bandits; to immerse ourselves in the epic of a maelstrom that deserves to be told, sung, and of course to continue to be sung because of its humanity.

Let's develop the productive forces, and also the spiritual forces of the Revolution, said the Head of State, who also defined that this is the way to strengthen the pride of being Cuban men and women.

The head of state dedicated the first words of his speech to the projection of Cuba in the international arena, especially during this year that is coming to an end. He highlighted "the strength of the Cuban Revolution's foreign policy", essentially sustained by the heroism of the people and with strong roots in the performance and legacy of Commander-in-Chief Fidel Castro Ruz.

Cuba, its performance and example at the planetary level, has led -as the dignitary reflected- to the bankruptcy of the isolation to which imperialism has tried to subject the Caribbean country, and at this point of the speech he did not overlook the role developed this year by the Caribbean nation at the head of the Group of 77 and China, as president pro tempore.

This moment of the VII Plenary Session was an opportunity for the Head of State to once again denounce the genocide being perpetrated against the Palestinian people; and it was also the occasion to recall the cruelty of the imperial blockade against Cuba: "The impact -the President said- that this siege represents for the Cuban economy and society "is very hard".

In this regard, Díaz-Canel emphasized: "But we cannot be overwhelmed, disunited or demobilized". That is why he called to remain optimistic; not to abandon "confidence in victory"; and to be certain that Cubans will overcome their challenges with hard work, talent and their own creativity; "that is, with creative resistance".

In this struggle to resist and win, the Cuban President evoked Fidel and Raúl, and the school -learned from them- of "timely correction". Díaz-Canel Bermúdez brought up the moment of the year 2000, when the Commander in Chief "summoned us to change everything that had to be changed". And he made reference to 2005, when Fidel warned from the Aula Magna of the University of Havana that the Revolution could self-destruct.

On precepts bequeathed by the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, the Head of State emphasized: "His ideas on the importance of constant rectification within the revolutionary process have transcended in time". And in that sense, he highlighted the value of "critical observance" by revolutionaries in relation to the causes that could threaten an emancipating process that is always threatened.

Díaz-Canel spoke of "correcting everything that deviates from the spirit of the Revolution"; and of knowing how to create new solutions to all problems.

## AN IMPORTANT AND STRATEGIC PLENARY SESSION

The Cuban President described the VII Plenary as a good and important meeting. He said "important" in view of the "strategic character" of the meeting: "Here we discuss -he said- the fundamental problems of the country at this moment". And he reflected on why the meeting of these hours has been a good one: "Because it has been discussed without complacency and with a quite optimal use of time".

At another point, the President said: "During these two days we have talked about efforts that have not yet translated into solutions; about measures that did not bear fruit, and about forecasts that did not come true". And he shared a reflection that leads to many others in today's Cuba: "Why can we develop an

investment of the magnitude of the East-West transfer of the municipality of Mayarí in Holguín and not be able to translate that investment into greater food production?"

"Let us never forget," he said, "that what the people expect are results. And it is up to each one of us, women and men of the Party, who are also the people, to do what Tapia (Deputy Prime Minister Jorge Luis Tapia Fonseca) so graphically defined in good Cuban: to put food on the people's plate. And not only that, but much more".

Dissatisfaction - the Cuban President stressed at another moment of his speech - "is an engine that moves revolutionary energies. And he further stressed the importance of walking with the people, within them, of going to the heart of the neighborhoods -there where the people have not lost their hopes-; he affirmed that it is among the people that "it is possible to fully activate participation, without which socialism is not possible".

#### ABOVE ALL, THE FORMULA IS TO WORK

The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba told the delegates of the VII Plenum that, "with the crudeness that the moment demands, Alejandro Gil (First Deputy Minister and head of Economy and Planning) acknowledged that the measures adopted to contain inflation have not been effective". The dignitary emphasized that "to face this and other complex problems associated with the macroeconomy, actions are being designed to be put into practice in 2024".

The question we ask ourselves every day -said the President- is what we are going to do and how we are going to do it. Above all, he said, the formula is to work, to do it well. And he reminded that no single measure will solve all the problems by itself, and that -in this sort of collective work- "nobody has the absolute truth".

At another point in his speech, and alluding to an idea that the Prime Minister, Manuel Marrero Cruz, had already shared during the VII Plenary Session, the Head of State made the following reflection: "we are working in a scenario of war economy. With consensual decisions, with collective work, with passion and energy, we are all summoned to reverse the current situation".

"If every measure of the declared enemies of our independence is a silent bomb that seeks to tear down the walls of our resistance; every response from Cuba must be aimed at defusing them, one by one, with the talent and dignity of Cubans."

"We would be surrendering in advance -he stressed- if we see that war as an insurmountable misfortune. We must see it as the heroes and historical leaders saw it in their respective times: as the opportunity to grow and surpass ourselves, while the adversary is left naked in his wickedness before the world".

Regarding the value of ideological political work in times like these, the dignitary referred to an unquestionable challenge: this ideological work must generate emotions and feelings, and it has to be done in a very special way with new generations, which communicate through their own codes, different from the previous ones.

## PLAN AGAINST PLAN

"In a few days - Díaz-Canel Bermúdez said - the National Assembly will be in session. New analyses and more debates await us, related to the decisions announced here".

"On the eve of the 65th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, its political leadership, its communist militancy, its patriotic and revolutionary sons and daughters, we are summoned to act together for a common goal: to save the Homeland, the Revolution, socialism, and to win".

The Head of State then denounced that the counterrevolution promotes actions that seek to break the stability of the country, and that such efforts come from sick, desperate and impotent minds. Those who are trying to harm, said the President, feel encouraged by the imperial policy that seeks the economic asphyxiation of the island. The counterrevolution, he warned, should not expect magnanimity or generosity from the Revolution: the full weight of the Law will fall on them.

Towards the end of his closing speech, Díaz-Canel evoked José Martí, "inspirer and guide of the Generation of his centenary, who brought here the victorious Revolution, whose flags we are honored to raise today".

The President quoted the Apostle: "Our enemy obeys one plan: the plan to fester, disperse, divide and drown us. That is why we obey another plan: to teach us in all our height, to squeeze us, to gather us together, to outwit him (...) Plan against plan. Without a plan of resistance you cannot defeat a plan of attack".

After the sentence, the Cuban President added: "And all of us together, with our people, we will do it". He then shared a Patria o muerte, Venceremos; and a viva Cuba Libre. (Taken from the Presidential Website)

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