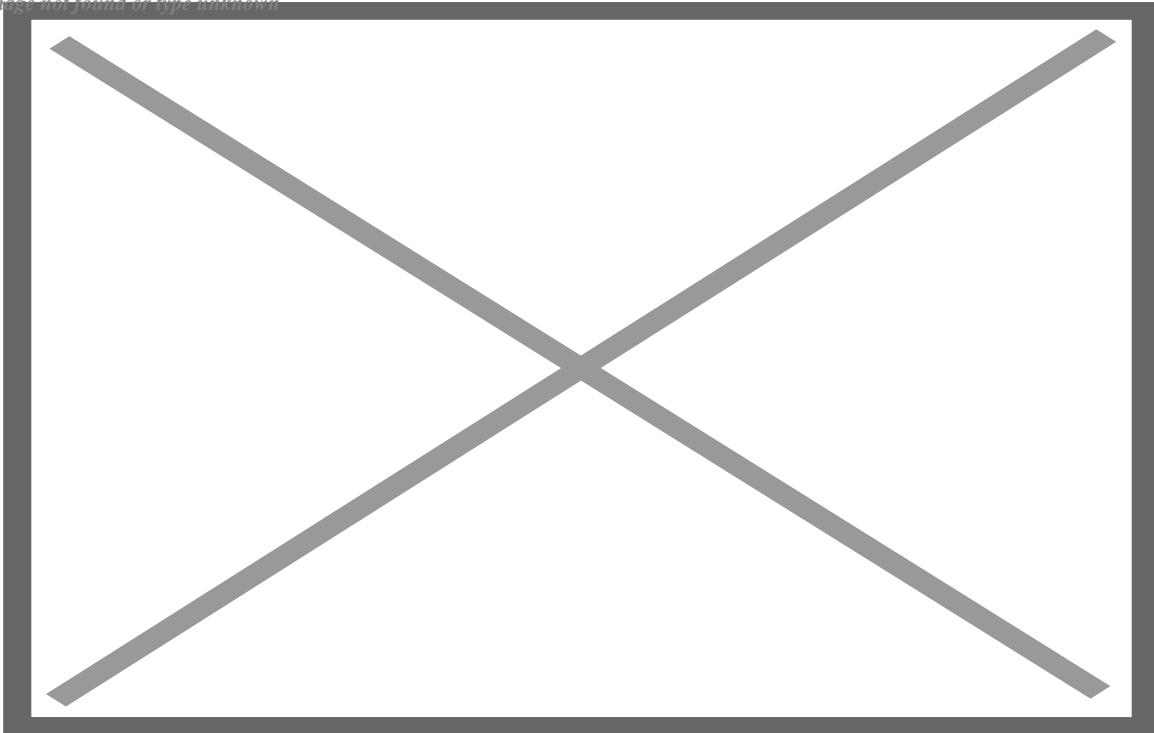


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Caracas, 30 October (RHC) President Nicolas Maduro today commemorated the 24th anniversary of the signing of the Cuba-Venezuela Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement, signed on 30 October 2000 by commanders Fidel Castro (1926-2016) and Hugo Chavez (1954-2013).

This agreement 'is the greatest humanitarian operation ever known in the history of our America, which only two dreamers could make a reality', the Bolivarian leader wrote on his Telegram account.

Maduro said he was proud 'to have been a witness to this #30Oct 2000, the year in which this path of love, true friendship, solidarity and reunification was opened, which has brought so many benefits'.

Today," he said, "we continue this history of greatness and deep brotherhood between two peoples who respect and defend the right to life.

Long live (Simón) Bolívar and (José) Martí, long live the Great Patria,' he said.

In an audiovisual presentation accompanying his message, the Venezuelan head of state recalled that when he was there 'they didn't tell me about that special day when Commander Fidel Castro and Hugo Chávez signed the agreement that would change the history of social cooperation in the world'.

If there is something to be learned from the giants who were here by our side, it is that we must dream, act and think big.

'Long live the Patria Grande, long live big dreams, long live the original dream that began on 30 October 2000,' he said.

The historic leader of the Bolivarian Revolution affirmed that the Caracas Agreement was like 'the foundation stone, which later became a pillar of independence for Latin America and the Caribbean, of unity and integration, even with our differences'.

Cooperation projects between the two nations amounted to 1,487 by October 2021, while 255,300 Cuban collaborators provided their services in Venezuela.

Meanwhile, the Venezuelan population received the benefit of 1,296,296,915,510 medical consultations and saved the lives of more than 1,490,000 people, thanks to the care provided by Cuban doctors, according to official data.

As part of this Comprehensive Cooperation Agreement, more than 1.5 million illiterate Venezuelans learned to read and write with the implementation of programs such as Mission Robinson, which arose from the close collaboration between Havana and Caracas, and through the 'Yes, I can' method. (Source: PL)

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