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Havana, March 2 (RHC) -- Cuban Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos Fernández de Cossío spoke with a representation of compatriots residing in the United States Saturday evening in Washington, DC.

At the meeting, held at the Cuban Embassy in the U.S. capital, Fernández de Cossío explained the current and foreseeable characteristics of how bilateral ties could behave and the eventual impact on the island.

He said that the purpose is to increase what in Donald Trump's first term (2017-2021) was called the policy of maximum pressure and that some, for a long time, have aspired to see the end of the Cuban Revolution, "because of the way this government speaks, they believe that that moment is near," he emphasized to the audience.

"Some believe that intoxication it is really possible," warned the deputy foreign minister, who did not rule out that in the "next days, months..." there will be more measures throughout this administration since there is the effort to do so.

Artists, lawyers, businessmen, religious people, among others, were the attendees, all united by the desire that the blockade and hostile policies imposed by Washington be eliminated and that a rapprochement be produced that would be favorable for both peoples.

Fernández de Cossío reiterated that the United States Government knows that there is a will on the part of Cuba to build a respectful relationship.

On Friday, at the headquarters of the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), with the coordination of the Latin American Working Group (LAWG) and Friends of Latin America, the Cuban deputy minister of foreign affairs recalled that on his first day in office, President Trump reinstated Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism, reversing an executive order issued on January 14th by then-President Joseph Biden.

He noted that "Trump's revocation is in line with his administration's hardline stance on Cuba and has the support of Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who has long advocated for sanctions against the island nation."

"This way of enforcing the economic blockade, its reinforcement and the new aggressive measures will continue to have severely harmful effects on the Cuban economy, the standard of living, the development potential and the legitimate dreams of justice and well-being of the Cuban people, as has been the case in recent years," stated Carlos Fernández de Cossío.

The event -- in person and virtually -- was moderated by James Early, one of the members of the IPS Board of Directors.

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