

# *Cuban Delegation Arrives in Washington for Human Rights Talks*

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Havana, March 30 (RHC) – The official Cuban delegation to participate in the US-Cuba talks on Human Rights arrived in Washington D.C. on Sunday, the island’s Foreign Ministry announced on its web page.

The Cuban delegation is headed by Pedro Luis Pedroso, Deputy General Director for Multilateral Affairs and International Law at the Cuban Foreign Ministry.

In a news conference last week in Havana, Pedroso said that Cuba expects to attend a constructive dialog without conditions on the reciprocal respect for sovereign equality and non-interference in the domestic affairs of each country.

It is in this context that Cuba will address its achievements in terms of human rights, as expressed during the latest Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council.

We have goals to reach, like other nations, but we will present the recognition by the international community of the important achievements of Cuba in the areas of education, health, access to cultural rights and the Cuban contribution to the development of many countries of the world, where our

cooperation has been present, said Pedroso.

The Cuban delegation will also address concerns on the situation of human rights in the United States and other countries, where Washington has influence.

The human rights talks, to take place tomorrow, Tuesday, March 31st, come after a proposal made by Cuba in July 2014, reiterated in January 2015 and accepted by US authorities.

The talks prove the willingness of Cuba to address, with the United States, any issue on equal grounds and reciprocity, despite the deep differences with the government of the United States.

These meetings are part of the process of negotiations between Havana and Washington following the political decision to re-establish diplomatic relations announced on December 17, 2014 by Presidents Raul Castro and Barack Obama.

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