

New U.S. Embassy in Havana Issues First Press Release



Havana, July 20 (RHC) --- The U.S. diplomatic mission in Cuba has issued a press release in Havana for the first time in 54 years, identifying itself as "The Embassy of the United States of America, Havana, Cuba," to announce the new bilateral relationship.

"In accordance with the announcement on July 1st by President Barack Obama, now the United States and Cuba have restored diplomatic relations," it reported.

The news release added that "the Interests Section of the United States has officially become the U.S. Embassy in Havana, and will continue its diplomatic functions from its headquarters on the Malecon, under the leadership of interim Chargé d'Affaires Jeffrey DeLaurentis."

It also announced that U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will travel to Cuba "this summer to celebrate the re-opening of the U.S. Embassy in Havana and raise the American flag."

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