

# *Cuba and International Telecommunications Union Hold Talks in Geneva*

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Geneva, May 28 (RHC-acn) -- Officials from Cuba and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) discussed issues of common interest in the context of the Council of the institution which is meeting in Geneva until June 2nd.

Jorge Luis Perdomo, Cuba's First Deputy Minister of Communications, held a meeting with ITU secretary general and deputy secretary general, Houlin Zhao and Malcolm Johnson, respectively, diplomatic sources reported.

Perdomo emphasized the importance of continuing to strengthen relations between the two sides in the field of telecommunications and information technologies in Cuba.

He referred to the strategic development plan of the country until 2030, which includes information and communications technology (ICT) as a sector that directly contributes to the economic and social development.

The national strategy for the development of broadband will respond to this priority taking into account the economic and investment possibilities, the official said.

Perdomo also referred to the country's efforts to accelerate its economic and social development, despite the obstacles that still persist because of the blockade imposed by the US government.

During the meeting, the importance Cuba grants to the role of ITU in strengthening cyber security and the need to improve mechanisms for joint cooperation of the states to prevent cyberspace to become a theater of military operations and computer crimes was also discussed.

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