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**Cuban President Raul Castro Meets with Venezuelan Parliament Speaker Diosdado Cabello**

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Cuban President Raul Castro met with the President of the Venezuelan National Assembly, Diosdado Cabello, in Havana in a meeting that was described as “fruitful.”

Raul and Diosdado Cabello expressed satisfaction with the excellent state of bilateral relations between Cuba and Venezuela and their continued development, an official statement said about the meeting that took place on Saturday. It was noted that Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez also participated in the meeting.

Venezuela and Cuba have been close allies since the arrival of the Bolivarian Revolution to power in Venezuela, first under the late President Hugo Chavez and now under his successor, Nicolas Maudro.

Cabello also met with Cuban Revolution leader, Fidel Castro, releasing an image of the meeting on his Twitter account.

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