
Cuba Urges USA to Comply with Duties as UN Host

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Cuba called the United States today to comply with its obligations as the host country of the United Nations (UN) lifting the selective and discriminatory measures applied against Cuban diplomats.

In a session of the Sixth Commission of the General Assembly devoted to tackle the relations with the host country, the Foreign Ministry Director for International Law, Anet Pino, rejected the policy that restricts the movement of Cuban diplomats and international officials at the UN.

It is an unfair, selective discriminatory and politically-motivated measure that contravenes the obligations contained in the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations and the regulations in the Diplomatic Law, she said.

According to Pino, the United States, as the host country, continues without taking concrete steps to eliminate it. Thus, the Cuban personnel can not move beyond a 25-radial-mile area, with Columbus Circle, in Manhattan, as reference.

'That arbitrary and unjustified limit is against the general rule about free movement by diplomats and should be eliminated immediately,' she demanded.

The Foreign Ministry official also referred to the issue of speeding up the immigration and customs procedures. We consider as of vital importance complying with diplomatic courtesy, as well as offering guarantees for a fair treatment to the personnel with that status from the member states at airports, she specified.

Pino thanked the efforts developed by the host country in that reference and urged it to continue the training of immigration agents.

