
Cuba Calls at UN for Dialogue and Cooperation to Promote Human Rights

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Cuba has defended dialogue and cooperation at the United Nations in Geneva as key elements to effectively promote all human rights in the world, diplomatic sources said today.

'The focus of dialogue and cooperation should prevail to promote all human rights everywhere in the world equally,' Pedro Luis Pedrosa, ambassador of the Caribbean country, said speaking at the 35th regular session of the Human Rights Council.

The Cuban diplomat expressed confidence that 'the principles of impartiality and objectivity prevail in the discharge of the mandate of the High Commissioner.'

He also urged to implement the commitments and resolutions of this body to improve the geographical distribution of its Office staff, especially the imbalance in senior management positions.

He underlined that Cuba has historically maintained a permanent cooperation with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

This is not limited 'to the reception of their visits, but also to the response to the information requests made by them and the referral of criteria on thematic issues with a view to drawing up their respective reports,' he added.

The diplomat stated that Havana 'has expressed its willingness to continue expanding spaces for cooperation with special procedures, taking into account the observance of the principle of sovereignty of the State and within the framework of compliance with the principles of objectivity, impartiality and transparency that should be prevailed in the execution of such mechanisms in the discharge of the mandate.'

Pedroso also referred to the issue of Venezuela, and called for the cessation of all interference in the internal affairs of the South American nation.
