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Cuba Calls On UNESCO For Commitment To Fight Climate Change

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Cuba has called on UNESCO for a greater commitment by all states to face climate change and recalled the serious implications of this phenomenon for the planet, diplomatic sources said today.

During the intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the Declaration on Ethical Principles in Relation to Climate Change, the Cuban delegation recalled that the implications are not only limited to environmental consequences but also have a high socio-economic impact.

According to a communiqué, the representation of the Caribbean nation 'will seek that fundamental principles such as solidarity, justice, international cooperation, as well as common but differentiated responsibilities, are recognised in this context.'

The Cuban delegation, led by Havana's ambassador to UNESCO, Dulce Buergo, highlighted the legacy of the historical leader of the Revolution, Fidel Castro, and his permanent commitment to protect the environment.

About this issue, some fragments of the historical speech given at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 were cited, in which the danger of extinction of the human species if the necessary measures are not taken in time was warned.

The intergovernmental meeting began on Tuesday, June 27, and will run until tomorrow at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, with the participation of representatives of several nations.

Nada Al-Nashif, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, emphasised during the opening ceremony the opportunity of this consultative and inclusive process, aimed at preparing a declaration of principles of high priority in the current situation.

She also highlighted the efforts undertaken to delimit principles that inform the actions of the states, in their adoption of policies to face climate change.

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