
Cuba maintains status as guarantor in implementation of peace agreement between Colombia and the FARC-EP

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The Cuban Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rogelio Sierra Díaz, reported this Thursday that Cuba has decided to maintain for the time being the condition of guarantor of the implementation of the peace agreement between the government of Colombia and the FARC-EP.

Following is the MINREX statement:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba on June 4 issued a statement rejecting and denouncing the actions of political manipulation regarding Cuba's role in the process to achieve peace in Colombia. Those actions, clearly set forth in the declaration and previously notified through diplomatic channels to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, provided the pretexts for including Cuba in the spurious list of States that allegedly do not fully cooperate in the United States' efforts against terrorism.

Days later, the United States -- again in an arbitrary, unilateral and groundless manner -- included Cuba in an annual report of the State Department on international terrorism, qualifying our country as a "safe haven" for terrorists, precisely because of the presence in Cuba of the ELN peace delegation.

As is well known, the presence of the ELN peace delegation in Havana, recognized by President Duque's government during the first four months of his mandate, until it decided to break off the talks following the attack on the Bogotá Police Cadet School, was in response to an express request from the Colombian government. These individuals did not travel to Cuba on the run. They traveled with the corresponding authorizations from the Colombian state.

Following the aforementioned attack, Cuba immediately publicly condemned the action and sent a message of condolence to the victims' families and to the Colombian government. On that occasion, it rejected and

In view of this situation, Cuba has decided to maintain for the time being our condition as guarantor of the implementation of the peace agreement between the government of Colombia and the FARC-EP. We hope that the Colombian State recognizes the validity of the agreements signed with other states and complies with these commitments, in particular with the protocol on the rupture of the dialogue with the ELN.