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**Mariano Rajoy Congratulates New Cuban President**

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The head of the Spanish government, Mariano Rajoy, today congratulated the recently appointed Cuban president, Miguel Diaz-Canel, whom he wished success in his new responsibility, and highlighted the relations between the two countries.

In a telegram sent to Diaz-Canel, Rajoy conveyed his 'most sincere congratulations and wishes to succeed' in his assumption to 'the highest post in the Republic of Cuba', in reference to his designation as the head of the Councils of States and of Ministers.

'Cuba occupies a special place for Spaniards: we are two brother countries, members of the same big Ibero-American family, united by strong historic ties and friendship,' the Spanish president noted.

In addition, he underlined that the Cuban people can always count on a sincere and loyal friend in the Spanish people. 'I expect that in this new stage that opens, Cuba succeeds in overcoming the challenges that it faces and achieves the prosperity, peace and well-being that we wish it so much,' concluded the text, published by the Palace of La Moncloa, the venue of the Spanish Executive.

Diaz-Canel was elected the Cuban president last Thursday, at a session of the

People's Power National Assembly (Parliament).

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