

Preliminary Draft of Cuban Constitutional Reform under Study

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The 7th Plenary Session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) looked into the constitutional draft that introduces important reforms to the Magna Carta, Granma newspaper reported Wednesday.

In the two-day meeting, chaired by First Secretary of the Central Committee of the PCC, Raul Castro, it was explained that although the draft contains significant changes to the law of laws of the island, it will maintain the fundamental precepts of socialism as a political and social system.

Without elaborating details the report adds that at the end of the debate, Raul Castro who chairs the temporary commission charged with drawing up the draft of the new Magna Carta, highlighted the political significance of the ongoing process.

The aforementioned working group is made up of, among others, the president of the island, Miguel Diaz-Canel, and the second secretary of the Central Committee of the Party, Jose Ramon Machado Ventura.

The Cuban leader said in the National Assembly the importance of the work done since last month by the 33 members of the commission, considering that the Constitution, in force since 1976, responds to historical circumstances that have changed over time.

On that occasion, he insisted that the enunciation of the Magna Carta will take into account the humanist and social justice principles prevailing in the island, as well as the irreversibility of the socialist system adopted by the people in 2002, in the last reform.

The project that is approved by the deputies will be submitted to popular consultation and later to referendum, after being analyzed in the National Assembly of People's Power, convened for the July 21.

