

Cuba Ratifies Commitment to Cooperation despite Blockade

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Cuba ratified on Thursday in a high level meeting in ECLAC its commitment to cooperation, despite suffering the consequences of the economic blockade by the United States for more than 50 years.

Speaking in this capital during the forum 'Development in Transition: The Challenges of Development in a Changing World', Cuba's Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment (MINCEX), Ileana Nuñez, outlined her country's views.

As the current President of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Vice President recalled the island is a small, insular and Caribbean country facing an economic, commercial and financial blockade.

However, Nuñez said that 'Cuba reiterates in this forum its commitment to international cooperation and at the same time its conviction that all countries have needs but also positive experiences to share.

'We consider the European Union (EU) to be an important partner for cooperation in the region,' said the Deputy Minister.

Later, she stressed that Cuba, in particular, has an agreement with the Community bloc and 'we are sure that this will allow us to advance with the United Nations Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Objectives.'

Núñez valued the importance of the event presided over by Neven Mimica, EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, and Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and with a special intervention by the Chilean Foreign Minister, Roberto Ampuero.

She argued that Latin America and the Caribbean, the most unequal area in the world, requires a multidimensional approach and new tools to reconsider collaboration and assistance between states to achieve integrated and sustainable development.

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