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Cuba and Canada hold the IV Round of Migratory Talks.

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On August 28 and 29, 2019, the IV Round of Talks on Migration between Cuba and Canada was held in Ottawa, chaired by Ernesto Soberón Guzmán, General Director of Consular Affairs and Cuban Residents Abroad of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, and Kathy Thompson, Vice-president of the Canada Border Service Agency.

During the working sessions, the migration flow between Cuba and Canada was assessed and negotiations continued in view of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Migratory matters.

Both parties reiterated the willingness and commitment of their respective governments to take joint actions to ensure a regular, organized and safe migration flow between Cuba and Canada; and increase bilateral cooperation in the fight against illegal trafficking of migrants and human trafficking.

The Cuban delegation welcomed the decision of the Canadian authorities to resume some immigration services in Havana, while expressing its confidence that the Canadian immigration staff would be restored in a short term and the current situation might be reversed and return to normality, in accordance with the nature of the historical relations between the two countries and the ties between Canadians and Cubans.

On the other hand, the Cuban delegation highlighted that more than a million Canadian citizens visit Cuba annually, enjoying a friendly and respectful treatment by the Cuban people and the

public safety that prevails in the country, attributes that are internationally recognized. Cuba will continue to facilitate the trips of Canadians wishing to visit our country.

Both delegations reaffirmed their willingness to continue these exchanges in the future, considering its importance for both countries.

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