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**Cuba and Mongolia Reaffirm Bonds of Friendship**

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Lundeg Purevsuren, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, reaffirmed on Monday in this capital the willingness of his country to strengthen ties of friendship with the fraternal nation of Cuba.

After being received by Acting Foreign Minister Marcelino Medina, the Mongolian Foreign Minister thanked the island for being the bridge between his country and Latin America.

Cuba was the first country in the region to establish diplomatic relations with Mongolia, and this allowed our relations with Latin America, he underlined.

In turn, he expressed his joy at being in Cuba in the context of the 55th anniversary of uninterrupted ties between both nations.

He said the last visit of a Mongolian FM to the Caribbean island was 20 years ago, however, he reiterated a saying of the Asian country: "Old friends are the best."

Likewise, Acting Foreign Minister Marcelino Medina said that this official visit is an example of the progress and strengthening of bilateral bonds.

Relations are good and there is potential to continue developing them, and in the area of cooperation they could be expanded significantly, a reflection of the strength and constancy our friendly ties have in time, he commented.

He also thanked the support of Mongolia for the resolution presented by Cuba at the UN General Assembly, which demands the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial blockade unfairly imposed on Cuba by the United States.

