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**Mexican Senate Advocates for Increasing Links with Cuba**

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The Mexican Senate advocated for the creation of mechanism for dialogue with permanent status with the island of Cuba, to strengthen the economic links with the Caribbean island. The Chamber of Senators of Mexico adopted a point of agreement, exhorting the Mexican Foreign Ministry (SRE) to establish an instrument for bilateral dialogue with Havana, to talk about topics such as migration, investment, hydrocarbons extraction in the Gulf of Mexico, the exchange and fostering of scientific and technological cooperation.

It also request to the Mexican government, to dynamize the economic relations, trying to set the conditions for the signing of a Free Trade Treaty with Cuba.

The Chamber of Senators also urged the Foreign Ministry to observe and follow the agreements adopted at the 15th Inter Parliamentary Meeting between the Mexican Congress and the Cuban National Assembly (Parliament) regarding topics like energy, cooperation in public health, cultural and educative exchanges, environment and tourism.

The senators remembered that last November 7 the President of the Republic of Cuba, Raúl Castro, made an official visit to Mexico, an occasion in which agreements were signed in migratory, academic-diplomatic, tourist, agricultural and educational collaboration aspects.