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President Raul Castro to Carry Out a State Visit to France on Feb.1-2

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Cuban President, Raul Castro, will pay an official visit to France on February 1- 2, complying with an invitation from his French counter part, Francois Hollande, Deputy Foreign Minister, Rogelio Sierra, said.

In statements to the press at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sierra stated that the trip to Paris -announced by the Cuban president on Dec. 29 at the Cuban parliament- confirms the excellent state of bilateral relations and political dialogue at the highest level.

Raul Castro will also continue the successful visit conducted by Hollande in Havana on May 11, 2015, he said.

The new meeting will allow ratifying Cuba's willingness to expand and diversify its bilateral relations in political, economic, commercial, financial, investment, cooperation and cultural dimensions, the deputy foreign minister said.

"France is an important partner for Cuba, with which we maintain significant bonds of cooperation and mutual understanding," Sierra said.