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ACS Foreign Ministers to Discuss Bloc Guidelines

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The foreign ministers of the member states of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) are today discussing the documents that will detail guidelines for the region's mechanism from 2016-2018.

As part of the 7th Summit of the ACS, the foreign ministers will analyze the bloc's action plan and the final declaration of the meeting, the project's senior officials stated yesterday.

The Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister, Abelardo Moreno, stressed that the final declaration covers important items, which are a reflection of the agreements reached by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

Among them, he mentioned the bloc's regional support of the Colombian peace process and their condemnation of the economic, commercial and financial blockade, which Washington has imposed to Havana for more than 50 years and their illegally occupation of the Cuban territory of Guantanamo.

He also mentioned their common position about the need to improve measures to face the consequences of climate change and to improve risk management in the face of natural disasters, as well as their joint projects for tourism and transportation.

The Action Plan and the Final Declaration will be approved during the 7th Summit of Heads of States and Government of the ACS tomorrow, the last day of the event.

Founded in 1994, the aim of ACS is to promote consultation, cooperation and concerted action among all the Caribbean states.

The event brings together representatives of the 25 member nations, seven associated states, 21 countries and nine observer organizations. It is expected to be an important political event for unity, cooperation, defense of

sovereignty and peace in the region.

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