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Vucic officially invited to visit Cuba

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BELGRADE - Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic on Monday met with Juan Esteban Lazo Hernandez, President of the Cuban National Assembly of People's Power, who conveyed to him an invitation from Raul Castro, President of the Council of State and the Council of Ministers of Cuba, to pay an official visit to Cuba.

Vucic thanked Cuba for its principled position of non-recognition of the unilaterally declared independence of the so-called Kosovo and for its support in international organisations such as UNESCO, which has rejected Kosovo's membership bid.

Serbia is interested in further development of bilateral relations and broader economic cooperation, Vucic said, backing the idea of Serbian entrepreneurs taking part in projects in the development zone of the Cuban port of Mariel.

The excellent bilateral political relations date back to the establishment of the Non-Aligned Movement, which is a great foundation for utilising possibilities for developing economic cooperation, Hernandez said.

Cuba is a leader in development in medicine and the pharmaceuticals industry, which, along with agriculture, provides great potentials for cooperation with Serbia, Hernandez said.

Vucic and Hernandez welcomed the successful parliamentary cooperation between the two countries, the Serbian government said in a statement.