

# *Cuban foreign minister receives visiting U.S. congressman*

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Havana, October 18 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez received Donald Payne, Jr., Democratic congressman for the State of New Jersey and member of the Black Caucus of the House of Representatives.

During this Wednesday's meeting, Rodriguez and Payne discussed issues related to the current situation of relations between the two countries and the potential for the development of bilateral cooperation in the area of health.

Congressman Payne was accompanied by his legislative assistant, Laverne Alexander. Carlos Fernández de Cossío, U.S. General Director of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, also attended the meeting.

On this, his first visit to Cuba, Payne has been accompanied by a group of specialists from his country linked to the health sector. The U.S. congressman has developed a program of visits to medical services facilities and scientific research related to health in his state of New Jersey.

Following his meeting with Cuba's foreign minister, Donald Payne met with young U.S. students who are studying medicine in Cuba. The exchange took place at the headquarters of the Cuban Friendship Institute, ICAP.

The American students, who are receiving classes at the Latin American School of Medicine in Havana,

expressed their satisfaction for the meeting and thanked those who contributed to facilitating their studies on the island.

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