



## Brazilian Minister of Health Receives Group of Cuban Doctors



Brasilia, November 5 (RHC)-- The Brazilian Minister of Health, Alexandre Padilha, received at the Brasilia airport a further group of 215 Cuban doctors that will join the Island's contingent already working at remote areas.

The Cuban medical contingent will number three thousand physicians, in a programme promoted by the Brazilian Government to guarantee medical assistance in those remote areas. The programme is also staffed by medical experts from other countries, the Prensa Latina news agency notes.

All foreign doctors undergo a four-week training period in Portuguese and become acquainted with the most common diseases prevailing in the areas where they will work, areas that so far had lacked vital services.

The distribution of the medical doctors is made in accordance to specific needs of each area, the Brazilian Minister said.

It is estimated that forty six million Brazilians live in poverty in outlying areas, and they will be needing 13 thousand doctors by next year to cover minimum health needs.