

Cuba Demands Compensation for Damages Caused by U.S. Blockade



Havana, August 2 (RHC)-- Cuba has renewed its demand for compensation for damages and losses caused over nearly 60 years of U.S. blockade against the Caribbean state.

Cuba's Deputy Foreign Minister Abelardo Moreno told reporters in Havana that last week's meeting between U.S. and Cuban representatives on compensation claims served to exchange information, particularly on the two countries' legal frameworks. He added that the two-day meeting in Washington gave continuity to a first meeting on the issue held in Havana in December of 2015.

Moreno said: "No decision has been made regarding actual negotiations on compensation, but the exchange of information will continue over coming months." He noted that the discussions involves many sensitive issues, most importantly the U.S. blockade which remains in full force.

Cuba's compensation claim, originally presented in 1999 and then in 2000, are based on Cuban courts rulings, placing the value of material and human damages caused by the blockade at 300 billion dollars.

Moreno said that Washington's claims were established by the Justice Department's Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (FCSC).

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