

# *Cuban Foreign Minister Meets with U.S. Lawmakers in Washington*

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Havana, November 4 (RHC-Granma)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez has met with a dozen U.S. Senators and members of Congress in Washington, DC, to discuss the current state of bilateral ties and recent setbacks in the relationship.

During the meeting, held at the Dirksen Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill, Minister Rodríguez stated that Cuba bears no responsibility for incidents allegedly affecting the health of U.S. diplomats and their families in Havana. He emphasized that there is no evidence of attacks or deliberate acts having taken place against U.S. diplomatic staff in Cuba.

The top Cuban diplomat renewed the island's willingness to continue interacting with the U.S. to unravel the mystery around the presumed incidents, and urged the U.S. government to stop politicizing the issue.

Meanwhile, the participating U.S. legislators said they will continue to work towards improving and strengthening the bilateral relations and to clear up the current situation. They reaffirmed the importance of dialogue and cooperation between the two nations to resolve the case.

Also present on the Cuban side were Josefina Vidal, director general for the United States at the Foreign Ministry, Bárbara Elena Montalvo, head of the Ministry Secretariat, and José Ramón Cabañas, Cuba's Ambassador to the U.S.

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