

Kenyan president inaugurates embassy in Havana



Havana, March 16 (RHC)--Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta officially inaugurated his country's embassy in Havana on Friday with the unveiling of a plaque located at the entrance of the building that houses the diplomatic mission.

The Kenyan embassy, which opened in September 2016, is the first the African country has in the Caribbean region.

During the ceremony, Kenya's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Monica Juma, and Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez signed a visa waiver agreement for diplomatic matters and ordinary passports valid for public or government officials.

The legal instrument seeks to facilitate travel and promote bilateral relations in various fields.

In statements to the press, the Kenyan foreign minister highlighted the broad agenda of Kenyatta on the island, including the official talks held yesterday with Cuban president, Raul Castro.

During the talks the Cuban leader thanked Kenyatta for helping Cuba recover after Hurricane Irma swept the island last September.

Juma described the stay in the Cuban nation as "fantastic", and highlighted the prospects for mutual collaboration in various areas such as education, healthcare, sports and agriculture, among others.

The Kenyan Foreign Minister confirmed that a delegation from Nairobi will participate in the 36th Havana International Trade Fair, which is the main commercial fair in the Caribbean.

The Kenyan president will conclude his official visit to Cuba on Saturday

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