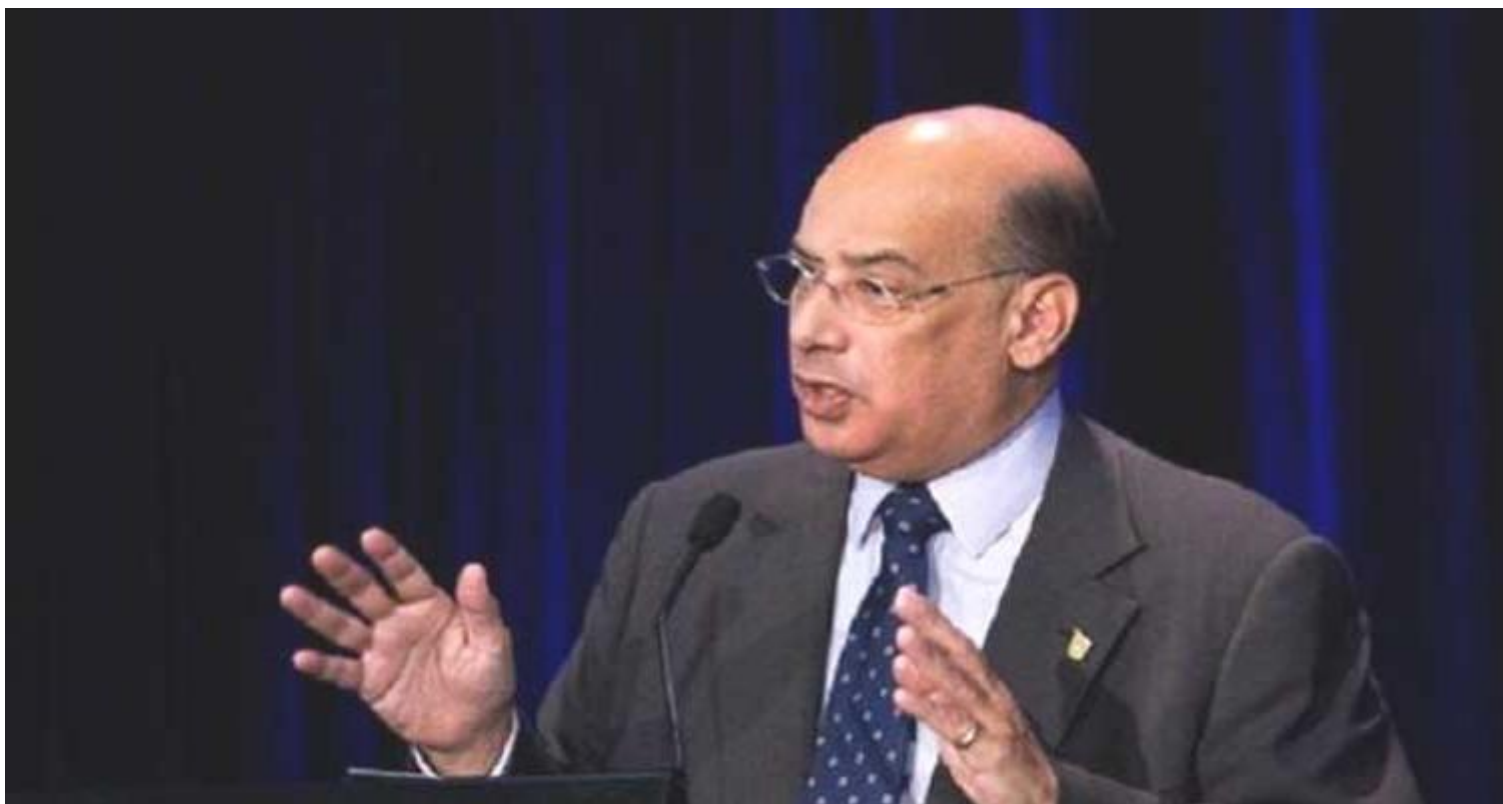


# *Caribbean diplomat repudiates U.S. attacks on Cuban doctors*

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San Salvador, June 21 (RHC)-- Caribbean diplomat Ronald Sanders today criticized the growing hostility of the United States against Cuba's medical cooperation, aggravated at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda in Washington, Sanders questioned a project by U.S. Senators Marco Rubio, Rick Scott and Ted Cruz to sanction Caribbean nations benefiting from Cuban solidarity.

"These senators show a remarkable indifference to the health emergency suffered by Caribbean countries in this endless crisis," Sanders stated in an article for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the Organization of American States (OAS) denounced that the three U.S. lawmakers are trying to show that Cuba's humanitarian missions encourage what they call "human trafficking."

"In other words, these three senators seek to ignore the sovereign rights of other countries in their relations with Cuba, with disdain for international laws and norms," Sanders said.

He added that if the congressmen had considered discussing the proposal with representatives from the Caribbean, they would have been aware of the great impact of Cuba's medical work, especially in the containment and control of COVID-19.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that, without Cuba's medical personnel, the health system of many Caribbean countries would have collapsed," said the diplomat, who recalled the problems of the United States in dealing with the pandemic, despite its resources.

Sanders stressed that the Caribbean needs to control COVID-19 in order to save both human lives and their respective economies, and noted that Cuba's medical presence in the Caribbean has existed for more than 30 years.

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