

Cuba reiterates position against impunity for international crimes



Cuba's alternate permanent representative to the United Nations, Ana Silvia Rodríguez. (Photo: Prensa Latina)

Havana, November 3 (RHC)--Cuba reiterated its commitment to fight impunity for crimes that affect the international community, the island's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

According to the Ministry's website, the deputy permanent representative of Cuba to the United Nations, Ana Silvia Rodríguez, stated the Caribbean nation's position before the multilateral organization.

The Cuban diplomat expressed that the world scenario shows the need for an international judicial institution with full autonomy, which leads the fight against the impunity of the most severe crimes against humanity.

According to the website, the International Criminal Court (ICC) is far from being an independent institution, given the Security Council's broad powers concerning its work.

During her address, the Caribbean representative denounced that in most cases sent to the Court by the Security Council, a selective policy towards developing countries is evident, in the name of a supposed 'fight against impunity.'

The diplomat also explained that the ICC could not ignore global treaties and the principles of international law.

Rodriguez reiterated Cuba's position to establish an impartial, non-selective, effective, fair, and complementary criminal jurisdiction to national justice systems. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs added that the International Criminal Court must be genuinely independent and exempt from subordination to political interests that may distort its essence.

Cuba has expressed its will to fight against impunity and to maintain its commitment with international criminal justice, the attachment to the principles of transparency, independence and impartiality", said the website.

The diplomat made her presentation in the debate of Item 75 of the United Nations agenda: Report of the International Criminal Court.

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