

Díaz-Canel says U.S. report reaffirms Cuba's truth



President Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez

Havana, February 12 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel said on Friday that the recently revealed report on the alleged health incidents involving U.S. diplomats stationed in Havana reaffirms the position defended by his country.

On Twitter, the president pointed out that the document confirms what his nation said based on scientific investigations: the alleged 'acoustic attacks' served as a pretext for Donald Trump's administration to

accuse without evidence and damage bilateral relations.

'The truth prevails,' stressed the head of state on the social media network.

Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez also reiterated this Friday the Caribbean nation's willingness to cooperate with the United States to investigate these events.

He added that a serious declassification of the information would make it possible to know how far former President Donald Trump, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and Senator Marco Rubio went 'to artificially justify a setback in bilateral relations.'

'Someday, it will be possible to clarify what happened and what did not happen', said the head of Cuban diplomacy, who ratified that his country maintains the will to effectively work with U.S. authorities, both politically and scientifically, to find a solution.

On Wednesday, a report of the Accountability Review Board (ARB), published on the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) website, acknowledged that the alleged sonic attacks remained a mystery.

The internal State Department document, classified as secret and recently declassified, notes that 18 months after the events occurred (in 2016 and 2017), it was not known what happened or why, or who did it.

The text adds that the Trump administration's response to the so-called Havana syndrome was plagued by mismanagement and poor leadership, as it did not even designate a high-level official with overall responsibility for the investigation.

Also, there was a lack of coordination and follow-through on established procedures and ineffective communications, and systemic disorganization.

Despite this, what happened at the Washington embassy in Cuba was used in late September 2017 as justification to reduce by more than 60 percent the staff stationed there and effectively close the U.S. consulate.

This was done without conducting a risk-benefit assessment, the report states.

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