

# *Cuba strengthened confrontation with human trafficking*

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Havana, December 21 (RHC) --Cuba reinforced the prevention and confrontation of human trafficking and related crimes, despite the effects of Covid-19, reveals a report published by the Foreign Ministry.

According to the document, the country insisted on its zero-tolerance policy in the face of this scourge. As part of prevention, the institutions held training to increase risk perception.

These and other actions are described in the report entitled National Action Plan for the prevention and confrontation of human trafficking and the protection of victims (2017-2020), published on the official Cubaminrex website.

During this period, cooperation and the exchange of information with international organizations, the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), the United Nations system, and counterpart organizations from European countries and the region, says the text.

According to the report, Cuba provided specialized care to the victims of trafficking identified in the previous report and those in situations of greater vulnerability.

In the referred period, 15 cases were tried for crimes with typical traits of human trafficking.

“As a result, a low incidence of this crime is maintained in the national territory due to the preventive and confrontational actions developed, the zero-tolerance policy against this phenomenon, and the absence of organized criminal networks in the country “highlights the text.

Recently, the Minister of Justice of Cuba, Oscar Manuel Silvera, reaffirmed at the UN that the Caribbean nation maintains unwavering its policy towards human trafficking. Likewise, he rejected the unjustified and discriminatory inclusion of the island, for totally political reasons, in the Report on Trafficking in Persons issued unilaterally by Washington’s State Department.

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