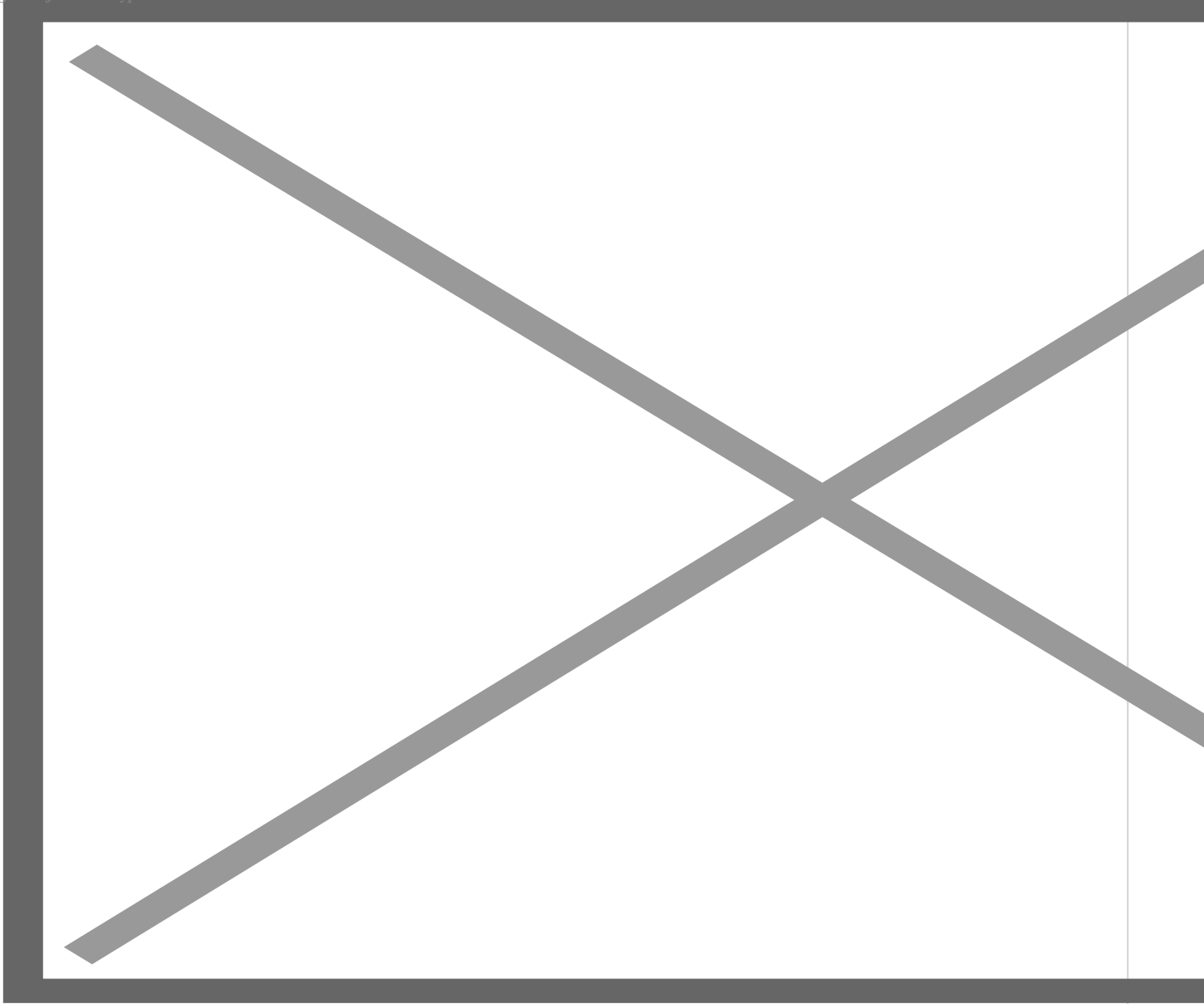


# *Cuban and Barbadian governments ratify willingness to expand ties*

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Bridgetown, December 6 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel and Barbados Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley headed a high-level meeting in Bridgetown on Monday in which both sides ratified the will to expand bilateral ties.

During the official talks of the state visit of a delegation from our country to Barbados, the parties ratified the will to continue strengthening the historic ties of friendship, solidarity and cooperation that unite both peoples and governments.

Cuban diplomatic and governmental sources confirmed on the social network Twitter that the agenda for discussion at the meeting addressed the possibilities of increasing cooperation in areas such as health, agriculture, tourism, education, culture and sports.

The Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs reviewed the words of Díaz-Canel who said that the VIII Caricom-Cuba Summit to be held this Tuesday in Barbados will be successful because the willingness and commitment to do new things together, to continue providing welfare to our peoples, prevails.

Mottley highlighted the work of the Cuban internationalist medical brigades, especially the one that contributed to the efforts of his government to face COVID-19 in April 2020, as part of the Henry Reeves contingent.

During the working day, a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in biotechnology was signed between a Barbadian exporting entity and the Business Group of the Biotechnological and Pharmaceutical Industries of Cuba (BioCubaFarma).

On Monday, Díaz-Canel and his accompanying delegation arrived in Bridgetown from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to carry out an official agenda that included talks with his Barbadian counterpart, Dame Sandra Mason, in which they ratified the will to continue strengthening the historic ties of friendship and cooperation that unite both nations.

Upon arriving in Barbadian soil, the Cuban president said on Twitter that his visit will be an opportunity to further advance relations with this nation and the Caribbean countries at the VIII CARICOM-Cuba Summit, to be held this Tuesday.

Díaz-Canel's visit comes as Cuba celebrates the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with this and three other Caribbean nations.

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