

Cuban president signs agreement to protect marine biodiversity



United Nations, September 21 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel signed on Wednesday in New York the treaty for the "Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity beyond Jurisdictional Waters".

In a message published on the social network X, the president emphasized "We signed the treaty for the "Conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity beyond jurisdictional waters", aware of the imperative need for this instrument, one of the most important negotiated during this century, to enter into force as soon as possible".

Later, Díaz-Canel added that the treaty represents a historic fact and an achievement made by developing countries.

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The new International Treaty was approved last March 4 by the delegates of the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, as the culmination of negotiations that began in 2004.

The Group of 77 plus China participated in the Conference, and during the discussions, the group's unity was maintained until the end of the process, enabling favorable results to be achieved for developing nations.

This agreement is considered vital to meet the goals related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and proposes the placement of 30% of the world's oceans in protected areas, allocating more money to marine conservation and covering access and use of marine genetic resources of plant, animal, microbial or other marine origin. (Source:ACN)

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