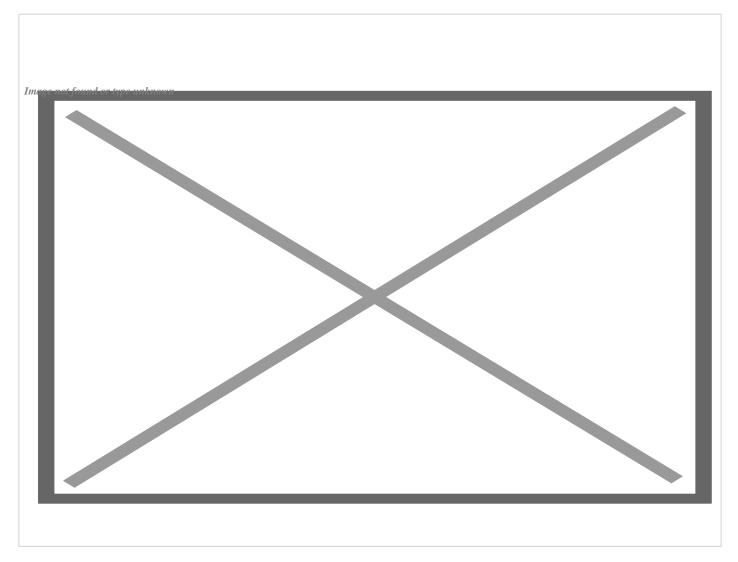
Cuban president stresses the importance of the debate on globalization



Havana, November 17 (RHC)-- The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel stressed Friday the importance of plural debate in the current context, during the closing ceremony of the 14th International Meeting of Economists on Globalization and Development Problems, at the Havana Convention Palace.

The dignitary pointed out that it is magnificent to confirm that plural debate prevails, even polemic, open to the most diverse points of view on issues that need light and are the result of the processes associated with globalization with an impact on development.

The President valued the meeting as a source of learning and an opportunity to confirm, affirm and ratify the convictions on the issues addressed by the coincidence with the shared points of view.

Referring to the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro Ruz (1926-2016), he said that the confrontation of ideas is a principle of these meetings that we owe to its main manager.

Díaz-Canel recalled that Fidel described globalization as an undefined objective process of growing interconnection and interdependence of national economies worldwide that influences all spheres of social life whose foundations and fundamental pillars lie in the development achieved in transportation, process communications and automated transmission of information.

He also denounced with emphasis the irrationality and unsustainability of the neoliberal wave and the imperative need to become aware that the globalization of human solidarity is needed as an important step towards the definitive triumph of socialist globalization as the alternative for the survival of the species.

"The world has changed dramatically since then, a matter confirmed by the recent Covid-19 pandemic that paralyzed the planet for long and uncertain years, and left us all in worse conditions for not giving cooperation and solidarity their chance," he emphasized.

"Old and new conflicts are transforming, the emerging multilateralism is trying to move forward on a path undermined by obsolete imperialist ambitions, while the United Nations Organization is constantly mocked and its principles violated for delaying for too long its necessary democratization," he added.

The Cuban head of state warned that if the current world disorder does not change, the greed and selfishness of a few will precipitate us into an abyss from which those who insist on preventing a paradigm of a different consistency will not be able to escape either.

"A more just, inclusive and equitable world that offers impoverished nations real opportunities for a dignified and sustainable life in which hunger and poverty finally disappear and the right to life and development is respected," he emphasized.

"The time has come for humanity to begin to write its own history," he remarked.

Díaz-Canel added that after six decades of criminal blockade, 243 measures of reinforcement and excessive persecution of everything that could mean a way out of growth on the road to development, Cuba is betting everything on that field where the production of wealth can be infinite, as Fidel said and demonstrated by promoting the development of science and knowledge.

He remarked that the U.S. blockade against Cuba leaves no space without harassment, "to the point of including us in a list of alleged sponsors of terrorism, a sort of imperial camp that prohibits access to credits and financing," he said.

"There is no economy in the world that works without financing and credits. But the spokesmen of that evil and perversity, while blocking and harassing us, defame us in order to blame the Cuban government for the pain they cause," he emphasized. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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