

# *Cuban presidency of ECLAC highly committed to South-South cooperation*

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United Nations, July 18 (RHC)-- Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment of Cuba, in his capacity as President of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Tuesday presented the report on the Second Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) on Sustainable Development to the ministerial segment of the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

According to Malmierca the Second Meeting of the LAC Forum was attended by 29 member countries, in addition to representatives of civil society, academia and the private sector, with a total of 1000 participants. Its main topics of discussion were the challenges of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean and the continuity of its implementation throughout the entire region.

He stressed that the conclusions and recommendations agreed upon by the governments confirmed the region's commitment to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda, ensuring that no one is left behind.

Malmierca acknowledged the contribution of ECLAC and the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean in producing accessible, timely and reliable data to identify the inequalities and needs of the most vulnerable.

He also reiterated the region's commitment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the fulfilment of the goals, taking into account the priority given to the reduction and eventual eradication of poverty, together with the promotion of regional integration and the search for concerted solutions to the challenges facing Latin America and the Caribbean.

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