

# *Cuban deputy foreign minister receives mayor of Rome*

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Havana, Dec 28 (RHC) Gerardo Peñalver Portal, Cuba's first deputy foreign minister, received the mayor of Rome, Roberto Gualtieri, at the Cuban Foreign Ministry in Havana.

During the meeting, both parties exchanged on the strengthening of friendly relations and cooperation between Cuba and Italy, as well as the effects of the criminal economic, commercial and financial blockade of the United States against Cuba, the Cuban Foreign Ministry website reported today.

In the context of the visit, the Mayor presented the candidacy of the city of Rome for the World Expo 2030, an important international event for which several cities are competing to host.

Gualtieri was accompanied by Giuseppe Scognamiglio, general director of ExpoRoma 2030, and Roberto Vellano, Italian ambassador to Cuba.

Also present on the Cuban side were officials from the Government of Havana and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (Source: ACN)

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