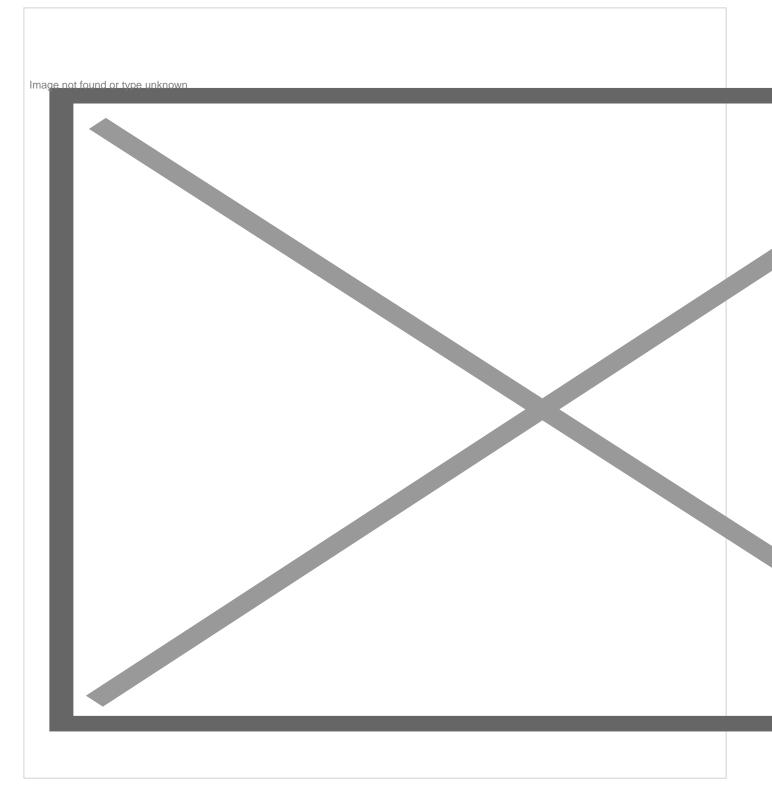
## Cuban vice president thanks hospitality upon arrival in Rwanda



Kigali, November 20 (RHC) -- Cuban Vice President Salvador Valdes Mesa arrived Monday in Rwanda, the last stop of an official tour of several African countries, where he thanked the welcome and hospitality extended by local authorities.

"Rwanda welcomes us at dawn this Monday with hospitality and respect. We appreciate the warm welcome offered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Vincent Biruta, upon our arrival in this African nation," Valdes Mesa wrote on his account on the social network X, formerly Twitter.

During the dialogue, the Cuban leader thanked Biruta and President Paul Kagame for their participation in the G77 and China Summit held in Havana last September, as well as the latter's intervention in that

important meeting.

He conveyed a message and greetings from the Cuban President, Miguel Díaz-Canel and the Commander of the Rebel Army, José Ramón Machado Ventura, with whom Kagame maintained a cordial relationship during his stay on the island.

It was a moment to assess the importance Cuba attaches to political relations with Rwanda and to the promotion of bilateral ties.

In that sense, the vice president mentioned the growth of the Rwandan economy and Gross Domestic Product in such a short time is an example from which we come to learn, while future cooperation projects in the area of health were evaluated.

For his part, Biruta pointed out that this is the first high-level Cuban delegation to visit Kigali since the beginning of bilateral relations almost 50 years ago and appreciated this fact.

The official Caribbean delegation is also composed of the First Deputy Minister of Public Health, Tania Margarita Cruz, and the Deputy Director General of Bilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Angel Villa.

The official program of the Cuban vice-president and his delegation includes a visit to the Genocide Memorial and meetings with Senate authorities and with Kagame. (Source:PL)

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