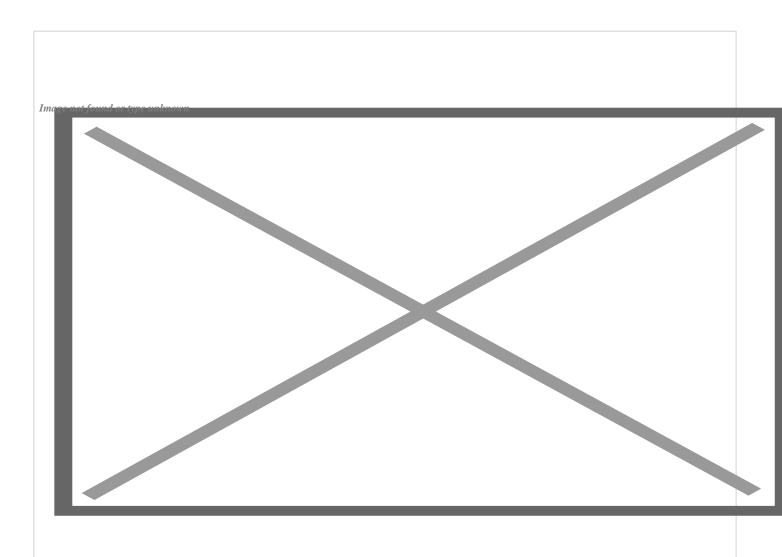
Official note from the President of Cuba on investigation of former Minister of Economy



Havana, March 7 (RHC) -- As a result of a rigorous investigation, serious errors committed by former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Planning, Alejandro Gil Fernandez in the performance of his duties were determined.

Taking into account the level of verification of the facts, and at the proposal of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic, the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Party and the Council of State, approved that the competent bodies of the Ministry of the Interior initiate the corresponding actions for the total clarification of these conducts.

From the very beginning of these proceedings, the implicated has acknowledged serious accusations and consequently resigned as a member of the Central Committee of the Party and as a Deputy to the National Assembly of People's Power.

As part of the invariable ethics of the Cuban Revolution during these 65 years, the leadership of our Party and Government has never allowed, nor will it ever allow, the proliferation of corruption, simulation and insensitivity. Under this principle it will maintain, from legality, the permanent confrontation, transparency and zero tolerance to this type of manifestations that affect our people, aware that the higher the level of trust placed in a cadre, the greater the rigor and intransigence with which it will act in the face of facts of this nature.

As expected, the enemy will unleash a new propaganda campaign against Cuba, but our people, as we are accustomed to, will stand firmly by their Party and Government, faithful to the legacy of the Commander-in-Chief and the teachings of Army General Raúl Castro Ruz.

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