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Cuba, USA to jointly fight terrorism, drug-trafficking, money-laundering

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Following a constructive policy, Cuba has managed to strike despite the ongoing economic blockade 18 mutually beneficial cooperation deals with the US Government on fields of common interest such as national security.

The latter is a Memorandum of Understanding, signed on Monday in Havana, on the Implementation and Fulfilment of the Law that will help promote and broaden bilateral ties on important issues of national security for both countries, a Foreign Ministry's statements reports.

According to the agreement, Havana and Washington will cooperate on fighting terrorism, trafficking of drugs, weapons, people, flora and fauna, money laundering and cyber crimes, points out in the document the director of the Cuban Foreign Ministry's USA Division, Josefina Vidal.

The Memorandum was signed by the Cuban Interior Minister, Vice Admiral Julio Cesar Gandarilla, and the US Ambassador to Cuba Jeffrey DeLaurentis.

Deputy National Security Advisor Benjamin Rhodes, who's on an official visit, attended the signing ceremony, as well as members of the Defence and National Security Commission of the Cuban Foreign Ministry.

Washington was the venue last January 12-13 of the fourth bilateral meeting on human-trafficking, in which Cuba detailed the measures it takes to prevent and fight this social scourge, and explained the assistance it provides the victims with.

It also stressed that those measures are part of the 'Zero Tolerance' policy it follows to fight all forms of human-trafficking, as well as other crimes such as sexual and labour exploitation.