

Cuban foreign minister says improved relations with US are irreversible

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Cuba's foreign minister on Tuesday told <u>The Associated Press</u> in an interview that he believes that improvements in relations made with the United States are irreversible despite the Trump administration's new sanctions.

Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla said despite the U.S. cutting off communication with most of Cuba, the progress made under former President <u>Barack Obama</u> has not be undone.

Rodríguez added that there's a "historical trend that's irreversible."

The Obama administration restored formal relations with Cuba's communist government in December 2014, weakening the decades-old Cuban embargo.

Since taking office, the Trump administration has imposed several new travel restrictions.

It also released a rule allowing U.S. citizens to sue foreign businesses using property seized during the 1959 Cuban revolution.

Efforts have also been made to restrict the flow of oil to the island, but Rodríguez said the country has been finding new ways to buy the key resource.