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Cuban First Vice President Welcomes New York Governor

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Cuban First Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel welcomed today the Governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo, who is heading a New Yorker trade delegation that is visiting this country. During the meeting, Diaz-Canel and Cuomo talked about the process to update the Cuban economic system, the relations between Cuba and the United States and the prospects to develop relations between the state of New York and Cuba, said a press release circulated here.

Director of the General Office for the United States of the Cuban Foreign Ministry, Josefina Vidal and other ministerial officials participated in the meeting, said the communique.

The governor of New York arrived yesterday in Cuba, heading a group of 20 businesspeople from his state, interested in knowing the business opportunities with the Caribbean island.

Opening the New York-Cuba Business Forum at the hotel Parque Central in this capital, Cuomo asserted that full relations between Cuba and the United States were the path to discuss not only those issues on which we agree, but also our differences.

The New York governor also expects that the blockade (imposed by the United States on the island more than 50 years ago) is lifted to be able to finally make progress in the normalization of relations.