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READOUT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY MAYROKAS' TRIP TO CUBA

HAVANA, October 30, 2015 – Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, the highest ranking Cuban-American in the Obama Administration, traveled to Cuba October 27-30 to meet with senior Cuban government officials.

While in Cuba, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas met with leaders in the Ministries of Interior, Transportation, and Foreign Relations. The meetings took place in a cooperative and positive atmosphere that focused on enhancing cooperation in customs and border protection and exploring new areas for collaboration. “This has been a very productive trip – building relationships of mutual respect with our Cuban counterparts, with an initial focus on trade and travel security. As a Cuban-American, it is a great honor to further President Obama’s policy and build stronger relationships with the Cuban people,” said Deputy Secretary Mayorkas. “I believe that engagement with Cuba is in our interest, and will improve the lives of the Cuban people,” said Mayorkas.

The Department of Homeland Security is responsible for securing flows of people and ensuring the security of trade between the United States and other countries. Deputy Secretary Mayorkas highlighted that there is no change in U.S. immigration policy and the Administration has no plans to alter the Cuban Adjustment Act. Safe, legal, and orderly migration from Cuba to the United States and the full implementation of the existing migration accords with Cuba is a top priority for the United States.

Full resolution photos of Deputy Secretary Mayorka’s trip are available at <https://goo.gl/qgAiZA>
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