

# **GRAMMA**



## **In pursuit of integration and development**

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Official photo of participants to the 22nd Association of Caribbean States Ministerial Council Meeting.

- Raúl presides 22nd ACS-AEC Ministerial Council Meeting
- Venezuela assumes ACS-AEC pro tempore presidency
- In the face of attempts to build walls, our choice will continue to be that of unity, solidarity and complementarity
- The Caribbean can always count on Cuba, which will continue to defend the legitimate interests of Caribbean nations in international and regional forums

- The event addressed concerns regarding a series of challenges for the group of 25 member states
- The Declaration of the Fifth Cuba-CARICOM Ordinary Meeting:
  - Recognized the legacy of Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz, and former leaders of Trinidad and Tobago, Patrick Manning, and Haiti, René Preval, on the development of solid relations based on genuine friendship, cooperation, and solidarity

- Reaffirmed the decision to consolidate the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) as a mechanism for political consensus, which promotes the unity and interests of the region in its international relations and links with third countries
- Reaffirmed that the Caribbean is an inseparable part of Our America and highlighted the role of CARICOM in regional integration processes •

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