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Nicaragua and Russian Federation celebrate Friendship Day

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2022

In celebration of Friendship Day between the peoples and governments of Nicaragua and the Russian Federation, an inter-parliamentary videoconference was held with the participation of Nicaraguan legislators and members of the Russian Federation Council.

In 2015, the National Assembly of Nicaragua established December 12th as Friendship Day between the two nations in honor of the day diplomatic relations were reestablished in 1944, 78 years ago. The inter-parliamentary conference in Nicaragua was held in the Rubén Darío Hall of the National Assembly.

Participating for Nicaragua were the President of the National Assembly Gustavo Porras; presidential advisor for Investment, Trade and International Cooperation, companero Laureano Ortega Murillo; members of the Board of Directors and representatives who are members of the parliamentary group of friendship between Nicaragua and Russia.

Speaking for Russia were Valentina Matviyenko, President of the Council of the Russian Federation and the Russian Ambassador to Nicaragua, Alexander Khokholikov. The Vice-President of the Russian Federation Council, Galina Karelova, also participated in the meeting.

During this inter-parliamentary conference, the activities of cooperation, friendship, and diplomatic strengthening between the two peoples were highlighted, including the work of the Nicaragua-Russia Joint Commission for Cooperation.

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On Tuesday, the National Assembly approved a reform to the Law for the Promotion of Electricity Generation through Renewable Sources, which seeks to stimulate the investment of new projects that are contemplated in the 2021-2025 Electricity Plan.

The reform comes since the first of January 2023 is the deadline for the promotion of tax incentives for the current electric generation projects and those that are pending to be executed in the next few years.

The energy generation expansion plan 2021-2025, approved by the Ministry of Energy and Mines contemplates a series of projects by private and national investors to generate hydroelectric, wind, biomass, and geothermal energy.

With this amendment to Law 532 or the Law for the Promotion of Electricity Generation through Renewable Sources, the fiscal and tax benefits are extended until the 1st of January 2028.

Representative Jenny Martinez, President of the Infrastructure Commission, explained that law 532 was approved in 2005 and has undergone several reforms that have had the benefit of encouraging the development of energy projects using renewable sources.

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She pointed out that today the largest consumption of electricity in Nicaragua comes from renewable sources, which has facilitated the economic development of the country and the enlargement of the energy matrix.

"Nicaragua has undergone an unquestionable, visible energy transformation. All Nicaraguans have seen how the progress in electrical power generation in our country has reached different communities, including the Caribbean regions, a transformation never seen in the history of our country," said Martinez.

This transformation constitutes a true 'electrical revolution' for the country and the dark days of the neoliberal administrations have now been left in the past.

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The President of Nicaragua, Commander Daniel Ortega, during his speech at the XXII Summit of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-People's Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP), stressed the dignity that all peoples have, the dignity that every human-being has, and that we have the dignity and strength to wage the toughest battles and emerge victorious.

Before reviewing the history of Nicaragua and the history of the battles fought in Latin America and the Caribbean against the US empire, he highlighted the figure of Fidel Castro, Raul Castro and the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic of Cuba, comrade Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez.

"Our brother Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, who was in our lands in the war zones in the 80's, accompanying us with that solidarity that the Cuban revolution knew and knows how to express, accompanying our people, our youth, who were once again facing the aggression of Yankee imperialism, because the Yankees have intervened directly in Nicaragua since the previous century, since 1856, when the first battle took place in Nicaragua where the Yankee expansionists who had imposed a U.S. president in our country, recognized by the Yankee government, were defeated. Yes, we had a Yankee president, William Walker", he said.

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"And today we are commemorating one more anniversary of what was the historic moment in which Fidel and Chavez met here in Havana, in their first meeting. Chavez was not yet President, and I had the privilege of being here in Havana and Fidel sent for me. They took me to Old Havana where an event was held in the small square, and there with Fidel, I had the great surprise of listening to Chavez, with that revolutionary language, with that firmness, and it was there a unity was born between two brotherly peoples, between Cuba and Venezuela, but also Nicaragua, because Fidel introduced me to Chavez. We were talking about the Sao Paulo Forum, which was going to be held in El Salvador. And Fidel told Chávez: It is good that you are going to the forum as a starting point for our peoples who are struggling", he added.

"And about ALBA, we have talked in great detail about the impact, the projection it has had in the field of [international] solidarity. We must also add the impact ALBA has had in bringing about the miracle, because it was through the thrust of ALBA that the Latin American and Caribbean peoples decided once and for all to begin to make Bolivar's dream come true in CELAC, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States," he stressed.

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Nicaragua: Exports exceed three billion dollars

THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2022

Exports of goods in Nicaragua under the general regime reached a value of 3,651.8 million dollars, which currently shows an inter-annual growth of 11.1 % over 2021.

According to an official report by the Export Processing Center (CETREX), in the shipments of products abroad accumulated from January to November 2022, there is a positive inter-annual performance derived from the improvement in prices and volume growth (4.5 percent).

According to the information released, Nicaragua sent products to 125 countries, whose markets were in Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and Asia.

Gold, coffee, beef, tobacco, beans, morolique cheese and lobsters, among other products, were exported to the United States for a value of 1,653.5 million dollars.

Likewise, exports reached Mexico and Canada with similar products such as coffee and gold.

In the case of Central America and the Caribbean, Nicaragua exported to El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and Panama, as well as to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

Among the main exportable items in that area are beef, coffee, gold, cheese, red beans and alcoholic liquids, among others.

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