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CUBA, MEXICO SIGN TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT:
HAVANA, OCT 8, REUTER - CUBA AND MEXICO SIGNED AN AGREEMENT HERE FRIDAY FOR COOPERATION IN 149 PROJECTS IN THE FIELDS OF FISHING, PUBLIC HEALTH, AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER GRANMA REPORTED SATURDAY.

THE AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED BY JOSE GERSTL VALENZUELA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ERNESTO MELENDEZ, THE PRESIDENT OF CUBA'S STATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COLLABORATION.

THE SIGNING TOOK PLACE AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF MEETINGS OF THE MEXICAN-CUBAN JOINT COMMISSIONON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COLLABORATION. THE MEIXED COMMISSION HAD MET ANNUALLY SINCE 1974 WHEN THE FIRST AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED.

GERSTL VALENZUELA SAID THAT HE WAS +VERY IMPRESSED BY THE PERSPECTIVES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR CONTRIES,+ GRANMA SAID.

THE CUBAN NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY, AIN, QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT +IN A WORLD CHARACTERIZED BY UNEQUAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC CRISIS, CUBAN-MEXICAN RELATIONS ARE AN EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION.

MEXICO IS THE ONLY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY TO HAVE MAINTAINED UNINTERRUPTED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA SINCE THE VICTORY OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION IN 1959.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT MIGUEL DE LA MADRID IS CHEDULED TO VISIT CUBA AT THE END OF OCTOBER.
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