

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of  
The Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the  
Republic of Cuba on the establishment of a bilateral consultations  
mechanism**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Kingdom of The Netherlands, henceforth referred to as “the Signatories”;

In the interest of developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between both countries;

Recalling the declaration on bilateral cooperation between The Kingdom of The Netherlands and The Republic of Cuba, signed on 14 May 2013;

Recognizing the importance of establishing a practical and effective mechanism of consultations on issues of mutual interest;

Have come to the following understanding:

**Paragraph I**

The Signatories will hold meetings regularly to consult on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of common interest or of the interest of one of the Signatories, with the purpose of developing the relations between the two countries.

**Paragraph II**

The Signatories will meet annually and alternatively in Cuba and The Netherlands or in the framework of meetings held by international organizations, unless otherwise decided.

**Paragraph III**

1. The meetings may be presided over by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Ministers, Directors or Heads of Departments, as decided by the Signatories.
2. The dates, venues and agendas of the meetings will be approved beforehand through the diplomatic channels.

#### **Paragraph IV**

If need be, the Signatories may hold *ad hoc* meetings to address issues of common interest that may require an immediate exchange of opinions.

#### **Paragraph V**

The Permanent Representatives of both countries to UN organizations, as well as to other international organizations, will maintain regular contacts and, if need be, may consult on issues of common interest.

#### **Paragraph VI**

Each Signatory will cover the expenses relating to the travels made by their officials.

#### **Paragraph VII**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the day it is signed and remain effective for a period of two years. After that date it will be automatically extended for same periods unless one of the Signatories notifies the other, through the diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate it. Said termination will become effective ninety days after the date in which the aforementioned communication is received.

Signed in duplicate in Havana on 7 January 2014 in the Spanish and English languages, both texts having equal validity.

**For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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**For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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**Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla  
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