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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNIZED THE NEW CUBAN GOVERNMENT FORMED BY PRESIDENT MANUEL URRUTIA LLEO.

ON JANUARY 6, THE CUBAN FOREIGN OFFICE SENT A NOTE TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN HAVANA LISTING THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND STATING THAT IT WOULD RESPECT ALL ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND EXISTING TREATIES. THIS MORNING, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIRECTED THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN HAVANA, MR. HECTOR ALLARD, TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE CUBAN NOTE AND TO CONFIRM THE DESIRE OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA.