

Meeting Cristina

We talked for 40 minutes. It was an intense and interesting dialogue; just as I expected. She is a person of deep convictions. There was no debate.

When she spoke at the Auditorium of the University of Havana, she was quick to answer the students' questions showing her talent and her capacity.

The meeting at the Latin American Medical School [ELAM] was moving. The songs played by the peasant students of Guaraní descent, with the typical instruments and tunes of that ethnic group, added a special note. She was presented with a doctor's white coat, which she immediately put on the orange jacket and slacks she was wearing.

She left the ELAM to come meet with me.

As we discussed the United States, I indicated the historical significance it has for Cuba that by noon yesterday we could count 10 Presidents who have led that country through 50 years in which the immense power of that country could not destroy the Cuban Revolution.

I said that I personally do not doubt the honesty of Obama, --the 11th President since January 1st, 1959— as he expresses his ideas, but that his noble intentions notwithstanding there are still many questions to be answered. By way of an example I wondered: How could a wasteful and consumerist system par excellence preserve the environment?

We also discussed many other issues related to international and national politics concerning Cuba and Argentina.

Argentina's capacity to produce food and industrial products with advanced technology are decisive elements for that country's development. She mentioned the informatics engineering capacity of countries like India to trade in the world market, which she finds particularly interesting, as it is especially strong in software production.

Cristina is a devoted President who likes to work on a full time basis. However, when she travels to other countries, she protects her right to have a number of hours to adapt and to exercise; and this everyone respects.

Fidel Castro Ruz

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