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to an ISIS International Affairs Forum on

"U.S – Cuba Relations"

by

H.E Mr Carlos Miguel Pereira
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on

Wednesday, 20 April 2016
 ISIS Conference Room (2nd Floor)

PROGRAMME		ABOUT THE SPEAKER
1400-1430 hrs	Arrival of Guests and Registration	Carlos Miguel Pereira Hernandez is the Director of Organization, Strategic Planning, Information and Analysis Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2013. He studied International Relations at the Higher Institute of International Relations "Raul Roa Garcia", in Havana from 1984-1990. He followed a postgraduate course of International Political Relations at the School of International Politics, Beijing University. He obtained diplomas of Chinese language from Faculty of Foreign Languages of the University of Beijing and from the University of Languages and culture. He joined the Cuban Foreign Service in 1990 and occupied different diplomatic rank at the Embassy of the Republic Cuba to China from Third Secretary in 1993 until assigned his post as an Ambassador in 2006. Ambassador Pereira also served as Advisor in the Office of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1998 and Head of the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, 2002 to 2005. From 2011 to 2013, he was Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has been in numerous Cuban delegations for multilateral sessions and bilateral visits to Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and the Middle East countries. Currently, he is a PhD student in Political Science, at the University of Havana.
1430-1435 hrs	Welcoming Remarks by Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa Chairman and Chief Executive ISIS Malaysia	
1435- 1505 hrs	Address by H.E Mr Carlos Miguel Pereira Director of Organization Strategic Planning, Information and Analysis Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cuba	
1505-1535 hrs	Question and Answer Session	

OVERVIEW

The simultaneous announcements by the presidents of Cuba and the United States on December 17, 2014 marked a turning point and the beginning of a new stage in the relations between the two countries. Important and unprecedented decisions were taken as a result of negotiations on the basis of respect, equality and reciprocity. The US government admitted the failure of its policy against Cuba and its ensuing international isolation. For the first time, a President of the United States expressed his opposition to the blockade and urged Congress to lift it. The restoration of diplomatic relations on July 20, 2015 initiated a long and complex process towards normalization. Profound differences still exist between both governments and problems accumulated over more than 55 years will have to be resolved. The new approach implies a change of methods and tactics, but does not modify the strategic objective of the US policy aimed at reversing the economic and political system of Cuba. Traditional political instruments like the blockade and the promotion of subversion are still in force.

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