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**Question for written answer E-002407/25
to the Council**

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Subject: Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement with the Republic of Cuba

On 6 May 2025, Parliament debated the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement with Cuba in plenary. During the debate, Ms Kaja Kallas stated: ‘The agreement is not the silver bullet. We all understand that. But in the face of economic distress and shifting geopolitical dynamics, it remains the European Union’s best shot at promoting our values, defending our interests and supporting reform.’

With those words, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy made it clear that she was in favour of the agreement remaining in place, contrary to the demands of right-wing and far-right parliamentary groups, which had advocated for the breakdown of relations with Cuba at the September 2024 plenary session.

In light of Ms Kaja Kallas’ statements, can the Council of the European Union confirm that it is also opposed to any breakdown of political dialogue with the Republic of Cuba?

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Reply

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The EU continued to pursue its critical engagement towards Cuba under the EU-Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (PDCA). The Council follows the implementation of the PDCA and the political dialogues it establishes, including the ones in April 2024 on Unilateral Coercive Measures and on Sustainable Development and in October 2024 on the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and on Illegal Trade of Small Arms and Light/Conventional Weapons. Any change in policy would require a unanimous decision by the Council of the EU.
