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Latin American Governments Rebel against Washington's Exclusions: CELAC Organizes Parallel Meeting to Summit of the Americas

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Argentina is organizing a meeting of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) parallel to the IX Summit of the Americas, scheduled for June in the United States, the public agency Telam reported, citing official sources.



In fact, Argentina, which holds the pro tempore presidency of CELAC, promotes the holding of a meeting in which representatives of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua will participate, nations excluded by Washington from the meeting that will take place from June 6 to 10 in Los Angeles, California, and whose coordination is in charge of the discredited Organization of American States (OAS) that exercises the role of secretariat of this event convened by the House White.

"The event will take place in parallel, without contrasting the schedules, and the spirit is to remain united as a bloc," the sources told Télam and specified that diplomatic offices on the subject advanced during a recent meeting between the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, Santiago Cafiero, and his Mexican counterpart, Marcelo Ebrard.

According to the press agency, the organizers are analyzing the means for the CELAC meeting in the absence of Presidents Miguel Díaz-Canel (Cuba), Nicolás Maduro (Venezuela) and Daniel Ortega (Nicaragua).



Among the alternatives valued are the use of digital platforms and the presence at the event of envoys from these nations to the health debates of the Summit of the Americas, where it is expected that delegations from all over the continent can participate.

The day before, [Argentine President Alberto Fernández demanded the cessation of the blockades imposed by the United States on Cuba and Venezuela](#) and reiterated his call for meetings without exclusions.

According to Argentine media, the president received at the Casa Rosada the U.S. government adviser Christopher Dodd and expressed his disagreement with Washington's intentions to prevent the participation of those countries in the June meeting.

Fernandez has not yet confirmed his trip to Los Angeles, but assured that *"Argentina will work for the success of a summit with everyone included."*

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In addition, the Argentine president emphasized the intensification during the Covid-19 pandemic of the blockade imposed for more than six decades on Cuba and for five years on Venezuela.

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