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## **U.S.A. AND CUBA RESTORE DIPLOMATIC TIES AFTER HALF A CENTURY**

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The ceremony took place at the White House Oval Office, the venue of the presidential office, in the midst of a day when the U.S. Leader received sixteen ambassadors' said a Cuban embassy statement. The nations had been without formal diplomatic relations since 1961, two years after the revolution that brought former president Fidel Castro to power. The White House confirmed Cuba's status in a brief statement naming 16 newly-accredited envoys.

The announcement comes ahead of a visit to Cuba by Pope Francis & days before Cuban President Raul Castro goes to New York to address the United Nations. His visit will mark the first time a president of Cuba has set foot on American soil since 1995 when President Fidel Castro spoke before the U.N.

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