

# *Canadian religious leader rejects US hostility towards Cuba*

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Havana, July 9 (RHC)-- Canadian Reverend Christopher Ferguson, secretary general of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, reiterated his rejection of the blockade and the intensification of US hostility towards Cuba.

Regarding this policy that has been trying to suffocate the Cuban people for almost 60 years, the also ordained minister in the United Church of Canada affirmed that they will continue 'asking for the end of the blockade, which is both immoral and illegal'.

In statements to Prensa Latina, the theologian stressed that they are concerned about actions that negatively impact people and impede justice and reconciliation. In that sense, he said that 'the Helms-Burton issue is deduced from that basic point.

On May 2, U.S. President Donald Trump complied with the decision announced days before activating Title III of the Helms Burton, a controversial measure until then postponed every year since 1996 by both Democratic and Republican leaders.

From then on, legal doors were opened to U.S. citizens to file lawsuits against individuals and entities that invest in properties nationalized in Cuba after the triumph of the Revolution on January 1, 1959.

The extraterritorial measure has been criticized from all corners of the world, especially from the European Union and Canada.

Father Christopher Ferguson, representative of the World Council of Churches at the United Nations (2006-2010), has been a long-time active supporter of Cuba.

In 2016 he received the Friendship Medal awarded by the Council of State at the proposal of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples (ICAP), for his constant struggle against the blockade and the efforts to achieve the return of Elián González and the five anti-terrorist Cuban fighters to their homeland.

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