

# *President of the Cuban parliament urges to eliminate State terrorism*

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Havana, August 20 (RHC)-- The president of the Cuban Parliament, Esteban Lazo, called this Thursday for the elimination of State terrorism and other repulsive forms of killing.

"We must put an end to genocide and coercive measures, faithfully following a policy of peace and respect for moral and legal norms that cannot be avoided," said Lazo, speaking on the second of two days of the 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, which was in virtual session.

During his speech, the legislator condemned the acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, particularly those of the United States against the Cuban people.

At the meeting, the president of the National Assembly of People's Power pointed out that the island has been a victim of actions sponsored, protected, financed and organized by the U.S. government.

"For that cause, 3,478 Cuban citizens died and another 2,999 suffered damages to their physical integrity," he said. He explained that these figures do not include "the monstrous and dehumanizing effects of the criminal economic, financial and commercial blockade that Washington has imposed on us

for six decades to try to surrender our nation to hunger and disease.

The parliamentary leader highlighted Cuba's consistent and principled position in the fight against international terrorism, and insisted on the need to strengthen international cooperation, based on respect for International Law, the United Nations Charter and international human rights instruments.

He recalled that his country has ratified or acceded to the 12 international conventions and protocols adopted within the UN framework and, in addition, reinforced and updated the criminal provisions in force, by preventing and punishing such acts.

The meeting, organized by the United Nations, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Austrian Parliament, ended on Thursday with the participation of representatives from 150 parliaments around the world.

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