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Solidarity sets the pace in these days prior to the presentation of Cuba's truth at the UN??????

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Solidarity sets the pace in these days prior to the presentation of Cuba's truth at the UN, wrote this Monday on Twitter the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party and President of Cuba,

Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, champion of the battle in the political, diplomatic and symbolic field against the U.S. policy that aggravates our crisis with its fierce persecution.

"The world will once again speak out against the blockade that tries, unsuccessfully, to take away even our smile", said the Head of State, who also thanked the "friends of so many countries that do not stop fighting" in favor of our people, who only in the first 14 months of Joe Biden's administration had losses amounting to 6 364 million dollars.

In practical terms, according to the Report against the blockade, which will be presented to the United Nations General Assembly on November 2 and 3, this represents a loss of more than 454 million dollars a month and more than 15 million dollars a day.

In six decades of application - half of which have been denounced at the UN without an effective response from the U.S. - the damage amounts to 154,217.3 million dollars, which is more than one trillion 391,111 million dollars, taking into account the behavior of the dollar against the value of gold.

Even so, there will be those who think that the blockade is a pretext, an illusion, a fairy tale... and wield as a "great advance" the measures on Cuba, announced on May 16 by the U.S., regarding travel and remittances, those that do not modify the most harmful aspects of this policy nor reverse what was adopted in the Trump era.

Among other restrictions, the prohibition on importing goods from third countries that contain more than 10% of U.S. components remains unchanged; the List of Restricted Cuban Entities and the List of Prohibited Accommodations remain in force, and Cuba's presence on the List of State Sponsors of Terrorism and the impediments to the transfer of fuel remain in force.

Cuba continues to be prevented from using the U.S. dollar in international transactions, or using its financial system to carry them out, and U.S. citizens are still prohibited from traveling to the island, except with some licenses.

Not to mention the most terrible thing, which are the lives and families impacted in the most diverse scenarios, from the impossibility of importing raw materials for medicines, due to the threat to suppliers, to the information technology and development blockades.

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