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Havana, November 17 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez thanked the repudiation of the U.S. economic, financial and commercial blockade expressed today by members of the European Parliament, solidarity organizations and Cubans living abroad.

In the forum entitled "Let Cuba Live: End the Blockade", held in the European Parliament under the organization of the group of The Left in the European Parliament, several voices were raised to reject the siege that Washington has maintained against the island for more than six decades, and a call was made

for solidarity with the Antillean nation.

The blockade is a criminal measure that affects Cubans from the moment they are born until they die, from the moment they get up until they go to bed, and in all aspects of their lives, said Spanish MEP Manuel "Manu" Pineda. He also called for going beyond political solidarity to accompany the Caribbean country in its development efforts and to alleviate the consequences of the U.S. siege.

At the meeting, which brought together representatives of solidarity associations from various European nations, Cuban residents and diplomats, Cuban deputies Felix Martinez and Enrique Aleman exposed the daily damages caused by Washington's hostility.

Martínez, who chairs the Economic Affairs Committee of Cuba's National Assembly of People's Power (parliament), addressed in particular the tightening of the siege in recent years, which included the implementation of 243 new measures to increase the suffocation by Donald Trump's administration (2017-2021).

For his part, Aleman highlighted in his speech the commitment of civil society in the Caribbean nation to the defense of sovereignty and its innovative and resilient attitude in the face of the blockade and its consequences.

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