

*The U.S. blockade against Cuba
is immoral*

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During the first two days of November, the Cuban draft resolution on the need to put an end to the blockade, that genocidal and unilateral measure imposed for more than six decades against Cuba by the United States, will be submitted for consideration by the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

It will be the thirty-first time that the international organization pronounces itself on that hostile policy that maintains, as stated by Cuban President Miguel Díaz Canel, an economic asphyxiation against the country to provoke the collapse of the Revolution and deny its achievements.

In a conversation with journalist Arleen Rodríguez, and broadcast by the national media, the President, while addressing the complex situation the country is going through, referred to the financial persecution that limits the access to credits to invest in different spheres.

The reality is that generations of Cubans have lived under the economic siege, which deprives the nation of the necessary income to acquire food, fuel and raw materials for production, including medicines.

A situation, Diaz Canel stressed, that worsened as of 2019, under the administration of today's former President Donald Trump (2017-2021), who in addition to dictating some 243 measures to strengthen the blockade, also included Cuba again in the spurious list of countries allegedly sponsoring terrorism, in which his successor in the White House, Democrat Joe Biden, keeps the Caribbean nation.

"Only in the last year the damages caused by the genocidal measure reach four thousand 867 million dollars, that is, 405 million dollars a month," Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez said in his profile on the social network X. "It is a criminal policy that is rejected every year.

It is a criminal policy rejected every year by a large majority in the UNGA. Last year, 185 of the member nations supported the lifting of the blockade, evidencing Washington's isolation.

However, the United States ignores the calls of the international community, which has not ceased to mobilize in favor of the Greater Antilles. There are constant actions in various corners of the planet in defense of the right of Cubans to live without a blockade.

And precisely, November will also be the scene of an International Tribunal against the blockade, to be held on the 16th and 17th in Brussels, the capital of Belgium.

But Washington also ignores the majority of Americans, who in solidarity support Cuba's demand to put an end to that hostile policy, which has futilely sought to kill Cubans through hunger and disease, sow discontent and undermine support for the revolutionary process.

An indication of how great is the support for the Cuban people in the United States is the fact that more than 70 organizations are already members of the National Network of Solidarity with Cuba.

The blockade is immoral, it is an act of economic warfare in times of peace, it violates the human rights of an entire people and violates principles of international law.

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