

# *CELAC demands at UN to lift U.S. blockade against Cuba*

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**Ambassador from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Inga Rhonda King**

United Nations, November 1 (RHC) --The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States -- CELAC -- demanded at the United Nations the lifting of the blockade imposed by the U.S. government on Cuba, pointing out that it substantially and unjustifiably harms the people of the archipelago.

In a speech at the General Assembly on behalf of the organization and during the first of two days on the debate of a draft resolution to put an end to this siege, the representative of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Inga Rhonda King, stated that this policy is contrary to international law.

She added that the economic, commercial and financial blockade is also contrary to the letter, spirit, purpose and principles of the UN Charter and to the desire for peace of the peoples of the area, while it continues to be a major obstacle to the normal development of the largest of the Antilles.

Celac reiterates its unequivocal and unequivocal rejection of the application of measures and laws contrary to international law, such as the Helms-Burton Act, including the extraterritorial effects and the increasing persecution of the island's financial transactions, he said.

We also oppose, she said, the unjust inclusion of Cuba in the list of state sponsors of terrorism drawn up by Washington, because in addition to lacking substance and substance, it has increased the consequences of the siege and has worsened the country's possibilities of establishing financial and commercial relations with its partners.

The diplomat urged the U.S. government to comply with the numerous resolutions of the General Assembly and act in response to the repeated calls of the international community to put an end to that policy, and expressed the extreme concern of CELAC about the growing impact of the siege on the island.

On behalf of his country, King said that he defends the principles of multilateral order defined in the Charter, those of sovereignty, non-interference and non-interference in the internal affairs of a State, and considered that the equal application and adherence to these principles are essential for peaceful coexistence among nations.

The imposition of the blockade is also inhumane, unjust and anachronistic, therefore we urge the member states to honor their obligations, said the representative, who maintained that the lifting of this policy is essential for any kind of rapprochement between Cuba and the United States.

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