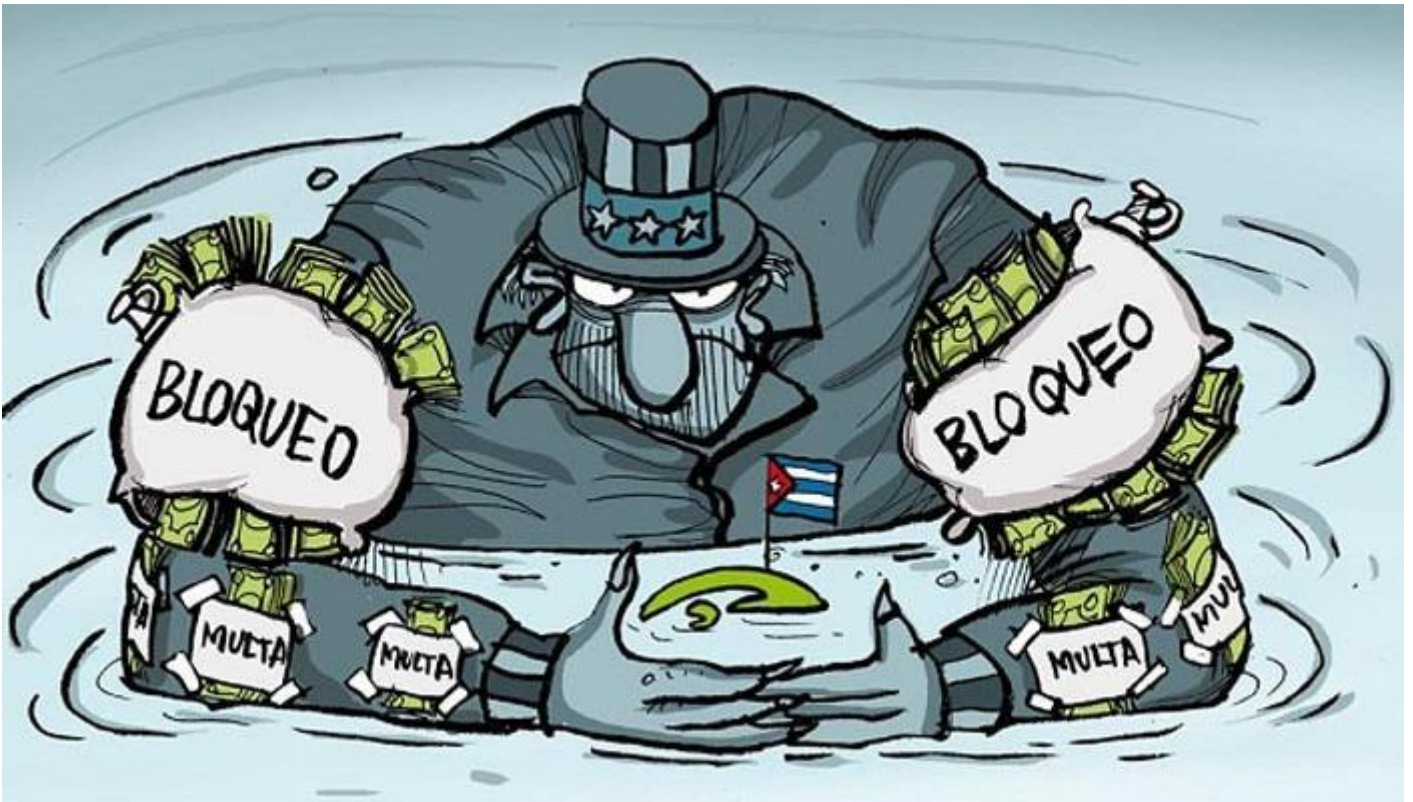


# *U.S. Blockade Affects Technological Development of Cuba*

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Havana, September 30 (RHC) -- The unfair U.S. blockade on Cuba influences the technological development of the Caribbean nation as international projects are delayed because Cuba is banned from purchasing equipment and supplies from U.S. Companies or others from third countries which operate with U.S. Dollars. The president of the Nuclear Energy and Advanced Technology Agency of Cuba (Aenta), engineer Luisa Aniuska Betancourt, denounced recently that the blockade prevents her country from buying technologies, equipment, spare parts and inputs directly from the United States or from U.S. firms based in third countries.

Agency executives condemned the negative impact of the White House's restriction policy which prevented Cuban experts attending events of the International Atomic Energy Agency held in U.S. Cities.

Cuban executives also underlined that the blockade has frustrated Cuba's attempts to receive considerable income from exports of goods and services and provoked losses for trade geographical relocation to other markets.

The blockade is a violation of rights and obligations of the Caribbean nation which is member of the International Atomic Energy Agency, according to the agency executives.

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