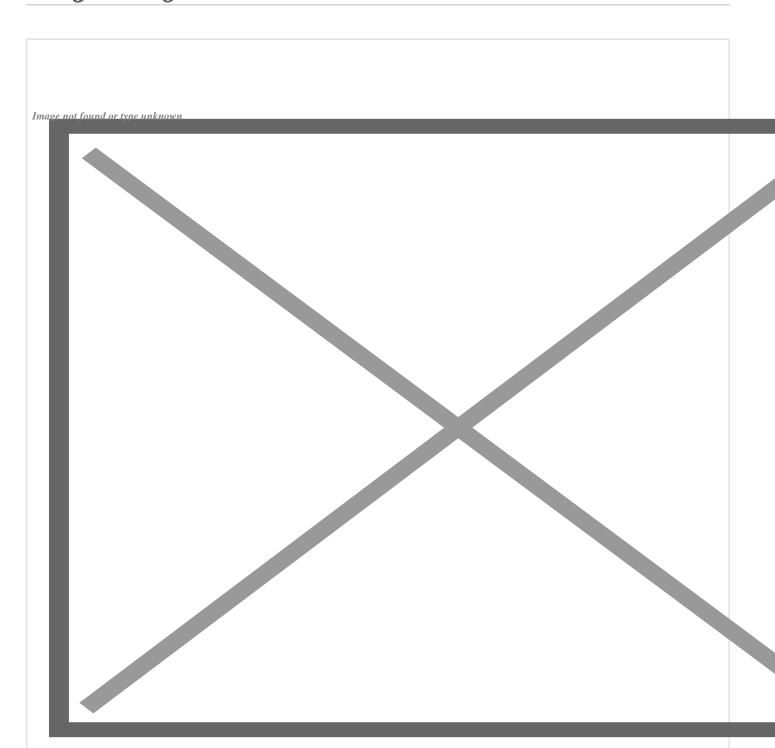
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Havana, April 25 (RHC) -- Cuba's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Anayansi Rodríguez today considered the United States veto against the full membership of Palestine in the United Nations unjustifiable.

When speaking in the open debate convened by the UN Security Council, Rodríguez asserted that Palestine retaining observer status within the General Assembly is an insult to the international community, since 140 countries recognize the country as a state. Meanwhile, the occupying power enjoys full membership.

She called on the United States to end the obstacles to Palestine's entry into the UN and the double standards and selectivity of its government.

The current administration constantly makes up new devices to guarantee Israel's impunity and exonerate it from its responsibility for war crimes and crimes against humanity, which increasingly reduces the credibility of the Security Council.

In the opinion of the diplomat, this body must urgently fulfill its mandate and stop the genocide committed by Israel, which has persisted for more than seventy years.

She reiterated the demand for an immediate and permanent ceasefire as well as Cuba's support for a Peace Conference sponsored by the General Assembly that would allow the rights of the Palestinian people to be preserved.

She also demanded Israel's total and unconditional withdrawal from the Syrian Golan and all occupied Arab territories, as well as the cessation of aggression against Syria.

The Cuban official called for an end to the unilateral coercive measures imposed by Washington against Middle Eastern nations, provisions she considered arbitrary and illegal. In this sense, she insisted that the solution to the conflicts in that region cannot be achieved through violence and coercion but instead, must be solved through dialogue and diplomacy. (Source: Prensa Latina)



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