

# *Cuba will not hinder measures announced by the United States*

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Havana, May 28 (RHC)-- Cuba will not hinder the measures announced this Tuesday by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department that are aimed at favoring the private sector, even when they are limited and do not benefit all of society, assured Johana Tablada, Deputy Director General of the United States of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Minrex).

"These are measures, announced two years ago by President Biden, do not touch the body of the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by his government, nor do they modify the extreme regulations that are applied against Cuba. They demonstrate that once again the U.S. government tries to adapt their actions, not to the reality of the nation, but to a fiction that is built on this reality, and separates the private sector."

The diplomat affirmed that the United States ignores that both the private sector or non-state form of management, and the public sector are part of the same framework that is the Cuban business system, and of course also of Cuban society. She recalled that the private sector in Cuba was established based on decisions made by the government in consultation with the population, an important requirement of the 2019 Constitution.

She also said that the same thing happens when the document is read and the handling of issues linked to the Internet and its massive use draws attention, when on the Island the main obstacle to its operation is linked to the hundreds of tools and hundreds of programs that remain prohibited precisely to respond to the main objective of U.S. policy, which is not to benefit Cuban society..

From the preliminary analysis carried out today of the measures published, it can be seen that it will be very difficult for some to come to fruition, since the decision of the United States government not to remove Cuba from the list of States sponsoring terrorism has a very serious implication, according to Johana Tablada.

"Cuba is studying them," Tablada reported, "and the government's decision is firm and, if they do not violate national legislation and truly represent an opportunity or an opening for our population, and the population benefits, even if it's for a specific segment of our population, the Cuban government is not going to put obstacles in the way of the application of these measures."

This May 28, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that it "authorizes Cuban entrepreneurs to open and use U.S. bank accounts over the internet to carry out financial transactions" from the island and which seeks to "promote internet freedom in Cuba, support independent entrepreneurs in the private sector and expand access to certain financial services for the Cuban people."

However, Cuba remains on the list of State sponsors of terrorism, which limits financial transactions with international banks, hinders the arrival of shipping companies to the island's ports. And, all the while, the U.S. government intensifies the unilateral coercive and interventionist measures of the blockade. (ACN)

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