

# *U.S. Blockade Harms Cuban Relations Worldwide*

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Havana, October 11 (RHC) -- The U.S. economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on Cuba for over half a century is not just a bilateral matter, as it affects relations with the world, said Deputy Director of Multilateral Affairs of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pedro Luis Pedroso. Washington uses such a pretext but nothing is further from the truth, said Pedroso in remarks to Prensa Latina.

The Cuban diplomat explained that sanctions making up the blockade are aimed at preventing Cuba from every possibility to have normal relations with other countries.

"The blockade is extraterritorial in nature and is codified in laws like the Helms Burton and the Torricelli Laws," he said.

Pedroso said that the international stand rejecting that U.S. policy in the United Nations since 1992 is very clear because the blockade is also an action against the world, in violation of the nations' sovereignty, in violation of international law, the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and all regulations of the World Trade Organization.

On October 28th, there will be a new vote at the UN on the resolution entitled "Necessity of Ending the Economic, Commercial and Financial Blockade Imposed by the United States of America against Cuba."

According to the document, damages caused by the blockade amount to over one trillion USD.

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