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Beijing, October 21 (RHC) Friends of Cuba in China today expressed their support for the island in its current energy crisis and called for the US blockade against the Caribbean nation to be lifted.

In statements to Prensa Latina, Chinese businessman Huang Qiao Ming (Simon) said that the US blockade was unfair and represented a great difficulty for international trade.

However, he expressed the will to find alternatives to overcome this blockade, which is currently an economic and financial war against the largest of the Antilles.

"Trust, unity and technology," said Simón, referring to the importance of working together and being aware that a better future is possible despite this siege.

For his part, the Chinese film director Yin Dawei rejected the US policy of blockade against Cuba and expressed his firm opposition to this siege.

The audiovisual director said although the North wants to blockade the island, it cannot prevent the Cuban people from interacting with the world.

"The United States has a bad conscience. What they are doing is not right and we are firmly opposed to it," he added.

Earlier, the Asian giant's foreign ministry expressed its solidarity with the Cuban people and government, while rejecting the blockade against the largest of the Antilles.

In response to a question from Prensa Latina, spokesman Lin Jian pointed out that according to the principles of the UN Charter and the basic norms of international law, Washington should immediately lift this siege, lift sanctions against Cuba as soon as possible and remove the Caribbean country from the list of state sponsors of terrorism.

"This is in the interest of the United States, of Cuba, of both peoples, it favors regional stability and development, and it is what the broad international community supports," he added.

He reiterated that China and Cuba are good friends, comrades and brothers, and that Beijing is aware of the difficulties the island is facing at this time.

"We believe that under the strong leadership of the Communist Party of Cuba, the Cuban people will surely overcome this difficult moment and advance their socialist cause," he said.

The Caribbean nation is currently facing an energy emergency and the national power grid has suffered several blackouts, leaving the country without electricity.

Cuba's president, Miguel Díaz-Canel, denounced that a large part of the current emergency has to do with the fact that the island does not have stable fuel supplies to operate the system at full capacity and in a stable manner, due to the US policy of financial persecution. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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