

Non-Aligned Movement calls on the United States to end the blockade against Cuba

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The NAM confirms that the continuation of the blockade goes against Cuba's constant efforts to

achieve sustainable development, in particular the achievement of the 2030 agenda. Photo: UN.

United Nations, October 29 (RHC)-- "Cuba's transactions in third countries are prohibited and this has especially pernicious effects," said Uganda regarding the financial and commercial blockade that the United States has maintained against Cuba for more than 60 years.

The representative of Uganda to the UN, Richard Nduhuura, this Tuesday in the General Assembly denounced the criminal blockade of the United States against Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

Nduhuura expressed that the NAM stands in solidarity with the people and the Government of Cuba. The NAM reiterates its rejection of "the imposition of unilateral coercive measures, which are not authorized by the corresponding organs of the United Nations and which contravene the principles of international law, and are not in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."

He also stated that these measures contravene the principles of the multilateral trade system and are used as tools to exert political, economic and financial pressure against different states, but in particular, when they are developing countries.

The Ugandan diplomat stressed that the blockade violates international law, which is why "Cuba's right to fully interact with the international community is being violated."

Nduhuura mentioned the damage that the unilateral measure causes to the Cuban people, preventing them, among other things, from enjoying their human rights and making them a reality, in particular their right to development.

"The direct and indirect damage caused to Cuba by the blockade is immense and affects all essential sectors of the Cuban economy, particularly public health, nutrition, agriculture, as well as trade, investments, tourism and banking," he added.

He also referred to the damage suffered by the banking sector: "Cuba's transactions in third countries are prohibited and this has especially harmful effects." The Ugandan diplomat stressed that, in February 2024, the blockade caused material damage to Cuba estimated at billions of dollars.

The diplomat denounced the obstacles that the blockade generates for the country's socioeconomic development, such as access to the Internet, interpersonal contacts and the development of scientific, cultural and sports relations.

"The NAM strongly condemns the inclusion of Cuba on the unilateral list of states that allegedly sponsor terrorism, drawn up by the United States Department of State as announced on January 11, 2021," he said.

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