

# *Nicaraguan Lawmaker Says Blockade Against Cuba Violates International Law*

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Managua, October 20 (RHC) -- The economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States against Cuba is violating all rationality, agreements, and principles of international law, according to Nicaraguan legislator Carlos Emilio Lopez.

Referring to that punitive policy, in force for more than 50 years, the member of the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee of the Nicaraguan National Assembly told Prensa Latina that this concerns a hostile unilateral act of one state against another.

Regarding the United Nations Charter, Lopez stressed that the blockade violates principles such as that of peaceful coexistence, because that siege, in his opinion, is an aggressive and harmful action towards the Caribbean island.

He added that it also breaks other principles such as that of the freedom of international trade and navigation, and of non-intervention and interference in the internal affairs of nations.

"A state cannot tell another one what its political system, organization, production, an economic structure should be. All countries have the sovereign right to take shape as their people determine," he stressed.

According to official data, until March 2014, the damages caused by the blockade amount, at current prices, to \$116.880 billion USD, representing an amount of \$1.12 trillion of that currency if it is calculated according to gold prices.

The parliamentarian recalled that the UN General Assembly has adopted a resolution every year for over two decades, on the necessity to put an end to the blockade, showing the international community's desire for such policy to disappear.

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