

# *Dominican Group Condemns Washington's Sanctions on Nicaragua*

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Managua, October 14 (RHC)-- The National Directorate of the Dominican Republic's United Left Front (MIU) has condemned the so-called 'Nica Act' which was recently passed by the United States House of Representatives. The director described the act as "an interfering attitude by the United States in Nicaragua."

The 'Nica Act', H. R. 1918, states that it is an act "To oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections, and for other purposes." The MIU expressed its support directly to the Nicaraguan ambassador to the Dominican Republic in a document which conveyed unwavering support "in any circumstances against a common enemy."

"The changes that the Sandinista Government has achieved with its people, reaching the highest security and stability of the Central American countries, achieving harmony among the social, business and religious sectors, causes concern to U.S. imperialism and its internal allies, and accelerates their hatred and thirst for vengeance toward the peoples who have decided to fight for their freedom and to maintain it.

“With such interference they (the U.S.) want to repeat their dirty war, just as they are doing in Venezuela and Cuba,” the document continued. The document notes that this act of aggression is not novel but one episode in a series of repeated attacks on Caribbean and Latin American nations.

In 1984, independent observers, including the Latin American Studies Association, concluded that the U.S. had interfered in Nicaragua’s first democratic election by pressuring opposition leaders to drop out of the democratic process to instead pursue a military campaign against the left-wing Sandinista Liberation Front, who the U.S. had often accused of being a threat to its national security.

U.S. interference in Nicaragua led to the U.S. being found guilty for the first time before the International Court of Justice in *The Republic of Nicaragua v. The United States of America* (1986) on charges of violation of sovereignty, unlawful use of force, and breach of peaceful maritime commerce. The U.S. had long been supporting the right-wing militant opposition, known collectively as the ‘Contras,’ against the democratically-elected Sandinista government.

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