

# *PT lawmaker condemns US smear campaign against Cuba's international health assistance*

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Havana, February 4 (RHC)-- The leader of the Workers' Party in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies, Paulo Pimenta, has condemned the US smear campaign against Cuba's international medical assistance.

"It is unacceptable that the United States promotes a smear campaign against Cuba's medical collaboration, against the experience of international solidarity that the island has been providing humanly for more than five decades," he said

The PT lawmaker pointed out that this medical contribution has saved millions of lives in many parts of the world, almost always lacking in health care and where the only health care is provided by Cuban professionals.'

Pimenta added that Washington crusade 'shows that there is a limitless position of cruelty and that the US government is capable of any action to promote that international campaign, which aims to weaken resistance and solidarity throughout the world.'

He stated that his people are still 'deeply dismayed with the position of the Brazilian government at the United Nations General Assembly' when it voted last November in favor of the blockade that the United States has been imposing on Cuba for almost six decades.

During the vote at the UN, Cuba received the overwhelming support of the international community, when 187 member states spoke out against the economic, commercial, and financial siege of Washington.

Only two countries abstained: Colombia and Ukraine, while the United States, Israel, and Brazil voted against the lifting of the siege and were isolated by the demands of the majority of the international community.

For Pimenta, 'it is a shame that Brazil is aligned with the United States, with Israel, in a vote that contradicts our entire history of solidarity.'

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