

# *Cuban foreign minister thanks solidarity with Cuba amid COVID-19*

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Havana, April 2 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla thanked Wednesday the many voices that in the United States and other parts of the world are demanding, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on the island. Rodríguez reaffirmed that this is a genocidal policy that causes the Caribbean nation severe economic and humanitarian damage and violates the human rights of an entire people.

The foreign minister denounced that the unilateral coercive measures are criminal and genocidal, and that they violate International Law and the United Nations Charter.

According to the Prensa Latina news agency, New York activists sent a letter to the Congressional Black Caucus, asserting that the American people would benefit from Cuba's experience in the fight against COVID-19 if the blockade were lifted.

At a time when the number of people affected and killed in the country is increasing, Dr. Rosemari Mealy and lawyer Joan Gibbs are calling for the introduction of emergency legislation to provide access to proven Cuban medicines such as recombinant human Interferon alpha 2b, used with good results in

China, according to the press.

The activists recognize in their letter the Cuban biotechnology industry, especially in research and production of pharmaceutical products, and list successful vaccines for eye infections, lung cancer, and others.

At the same time, Maria Ubach, Andorra's minister of foreign affairs, defended the sovereignty of that European Principality, affected by the new coronavirus, in the face of pressure from the United States to prevent Cuba's medical collaboration.

The minister explained that given the impossibility of receiving health care from Spain and France due to their critical situation, she opted for the help of the Cuban services, whose specialists have a long tradition of medical services abroad.

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