

# *Sao Paulo Forum launches campaign against blockades*

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**?The Sao Paulo Forum denounces that the illegal blockade imposed on nations such as Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela constitutes a violation of International Law**

Sao Paulo, May 5 (RHC)-- The Sao Paulo Forum has announced on its official website that it is initiating the Campaign "Blockade NO, Solidarity YES -- Our America for Life" until June 23rd, date of the vote in the United Nations General Assembly of the resolution condemning the economic, financial and commercial blockade against Latin American and Caribbean nations.

"The objective is to denounce the extraterritorial character and violation of international law that constitutes the application of the blockades, the main obstacle for the economic and social development

of these countries and which constitutes the most flagrant and massive violation of human rights of the peoples of Our America," highlighted the press release issued by the organization.

The articulation of Latin American and Caribbean political parties and movements enunciated elements of the current context, among which they highlighted the impact of the multidimensional crisis aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the neoliberal policies "that put the market above the life of human beings".

"During the pandemic, instead of suspending unilateral measures against Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua and other nations, what we witnessed is the aggravation of the measures, which directly affects the capacity of the countries to contain the pandemic," the regional Sao Paulo Forum emphasized.

The Forum says that a blockade in this era of COVID, "is not only a war crime according to the parameters of the Geneva Convention (1949); as defined by the International Law Commission of the United Nations, it is also a crime against humanity."

This organization valued Cuba's position in spite of the imposition of the blockade and its humanitarian aid by sending medical brigades to more than 40 countries. It also highlighted the production of the first vaccine candidates in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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