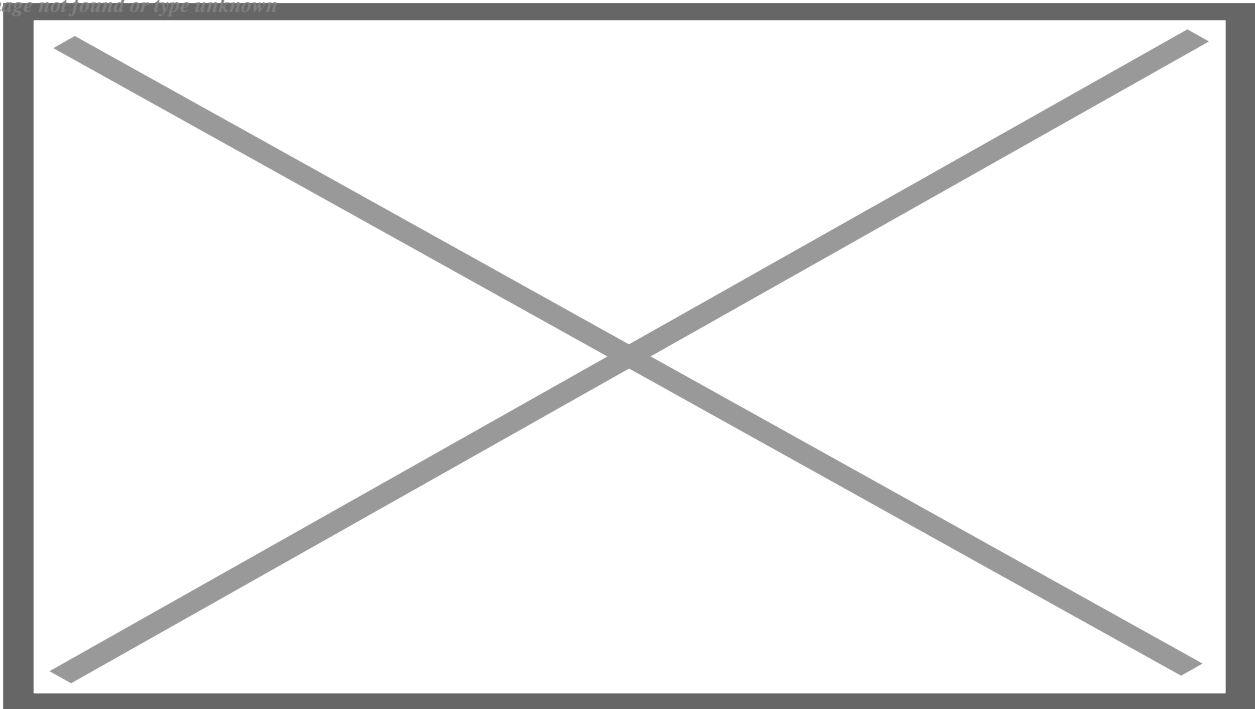


China reiterates opposition to U.S. sanctions to harass Cuba

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Hua Chunying, China's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman. (Photo: Xinhua)

Beijing, August 20 (RHC)-- China reiterated on Friday its firm rejection of the imposition of U.S. sanctions to harass Cuba and assured that this way, the North American country makes its hypocrisy on human rights even more evident.

Hua Chunying, Foreign Ministry spokesperson, said that her government opposes any manifestation of interference in internal affairs and punitive actions taken unilaterally against other nations.

She criticized the White House for insisting on punishing three other officials of the Caribbean island instead of listening to international demand and doing more things that would help Cuba improve its economy, sustain and protect the people's basic rights.

'The facts have shown that the more sanctions are imposed under the banner of human rights, the more the hypocrisy, double standards, and domineering nature of the United States are exposed,' she noted.

Hua finally reaffirmed China's unwavering support for the Cuban government and people in their efforts to maintain social stability.

As a result of the riots that took place last July 11 in Cuba, many leaders of the Asian country reaffirmed their support to Havana. They demanded the United States cease its blockade, considering it the leading cause of the shortages of medicines and energy on the island.

They stressed Beijing's willingness to work with the island to implement the consensus reached by the top leaders and the deepening of the friendly ties cultivated for 60 years.

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