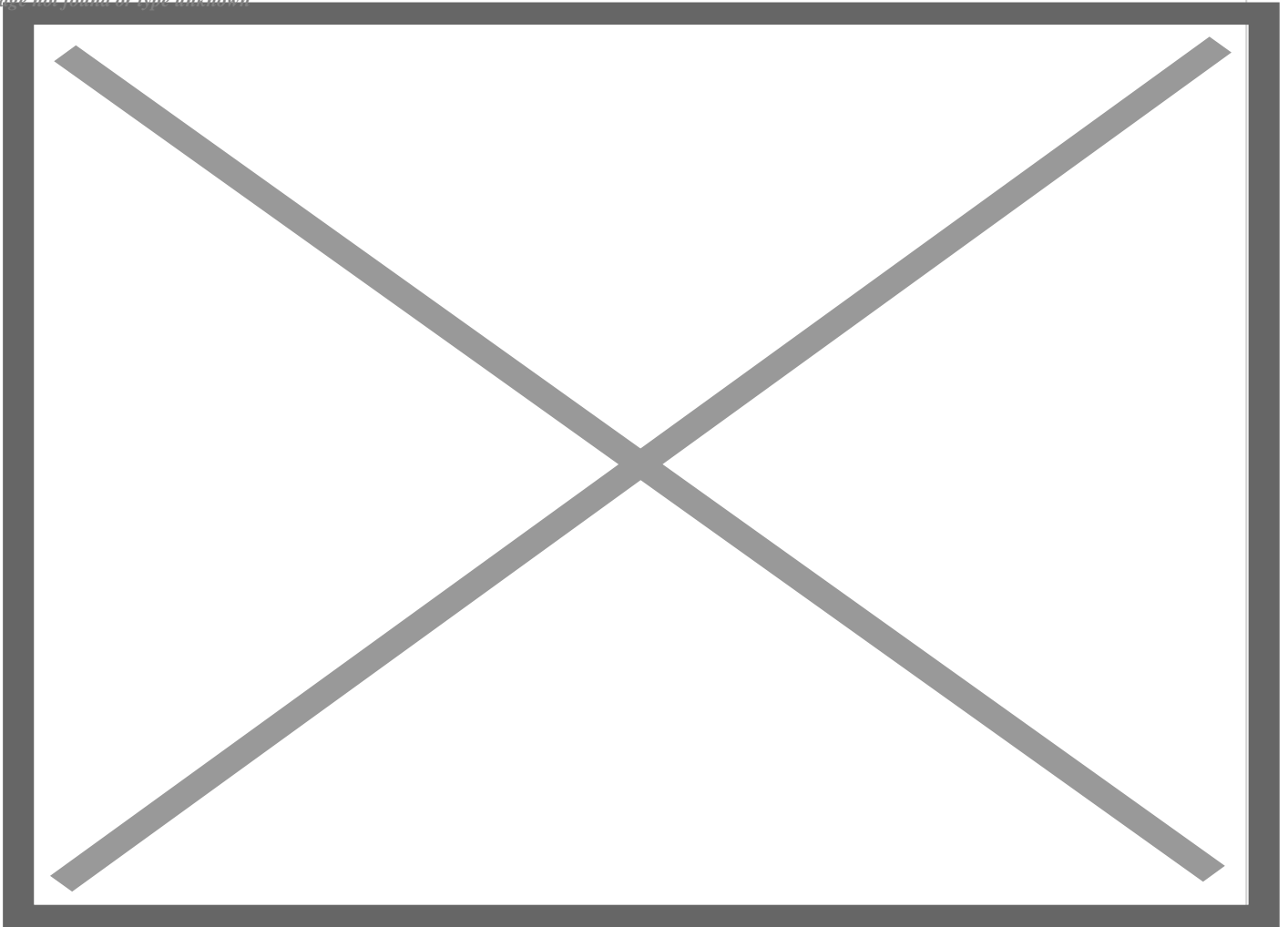


# *Cuban civil society issues*

## *Statement against U.S. blockade*

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Havana, July 8 (RHC)-- On Thursday, Cuban civil society organizations issued a statement in Havana due to the effects of the economic, commercial and financial blockade maintained by the United States (U.S.) government against Cuba.

The president of the Cuban Association of the United Nations (ACNU), Norma Goicochea Estenoz, presented the report in which the blockade is defined as a cruel and genocidal policy that causes economic damage, with a real impact on the table and the projects of Cuban families.

She pointed out that it also affects the lives of children suffering from cancer by depriving them of essential medicines for their treatment, and causes the lack of necessary implements for the dignified inclusion of people with disabilities.

"At the same time, the blockade limits the availability of resources for the scientific production of medicines or vaccines, which are then placed at the service of the country that needs them, because no hostility will erode the humanist character of our project," the diplomat added.

She said that Cuba suffers wear, pain, real losses and difficulties for those who want to open an enterprise and develop an economic or social project, especially young people who deploy their initiative under a sanction that has been maintained for 60 years.

Goicochea Estenoz explained that the blockade violates the rights to health, food, culture, the enjoyment of a healthy environment, the education of a people, violates the principles that should prevail in the relations between peoples and States, as well as limiting the possibility of exchange in all spheres between the largest of the Antilles and the US.

In addition, she said that during the pandemic, measures against our country were intensified, with the aim of isolating the island with less travel, fewer markets and fuel. However, the people responded with more resistance, creativity and solidarity towards other nations affected by COVID-19, despite the difficulties of everyday life.

"For decades, family ties have been hurt and their separation encouraged, damaging the ability to respond to the needs of its members and to a collective project that contributes to the society that we all are," she insisted.

She recalled that the administration of President Joseph Biden has announced measures that should have some impact on this situation, and it is hoped that they can be implemented for the good of all Cubans.

The Cuban Association of the United Nations representative reaffirmed that since 1992 the United Nations General Assembly has pronounced itself against the unjust blockade, for which civil society is grateful as well as the different organizations that demand the end of this unjust and illegal policy.

She declared that the U.S. government is trying to make people believe that the Cuban government is responsible for the difficulties that Cuba faces today, and its historical responsibility for the economic situation the island is going through is being made invisible.

Finally, she emphasized: "We reaffirm the right to live without a blockade, to sovereignty and self-determination, for which reason we once again demand the cessation of the illegal policy, which affects the fundamental right of the entire population: the full right to life".

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