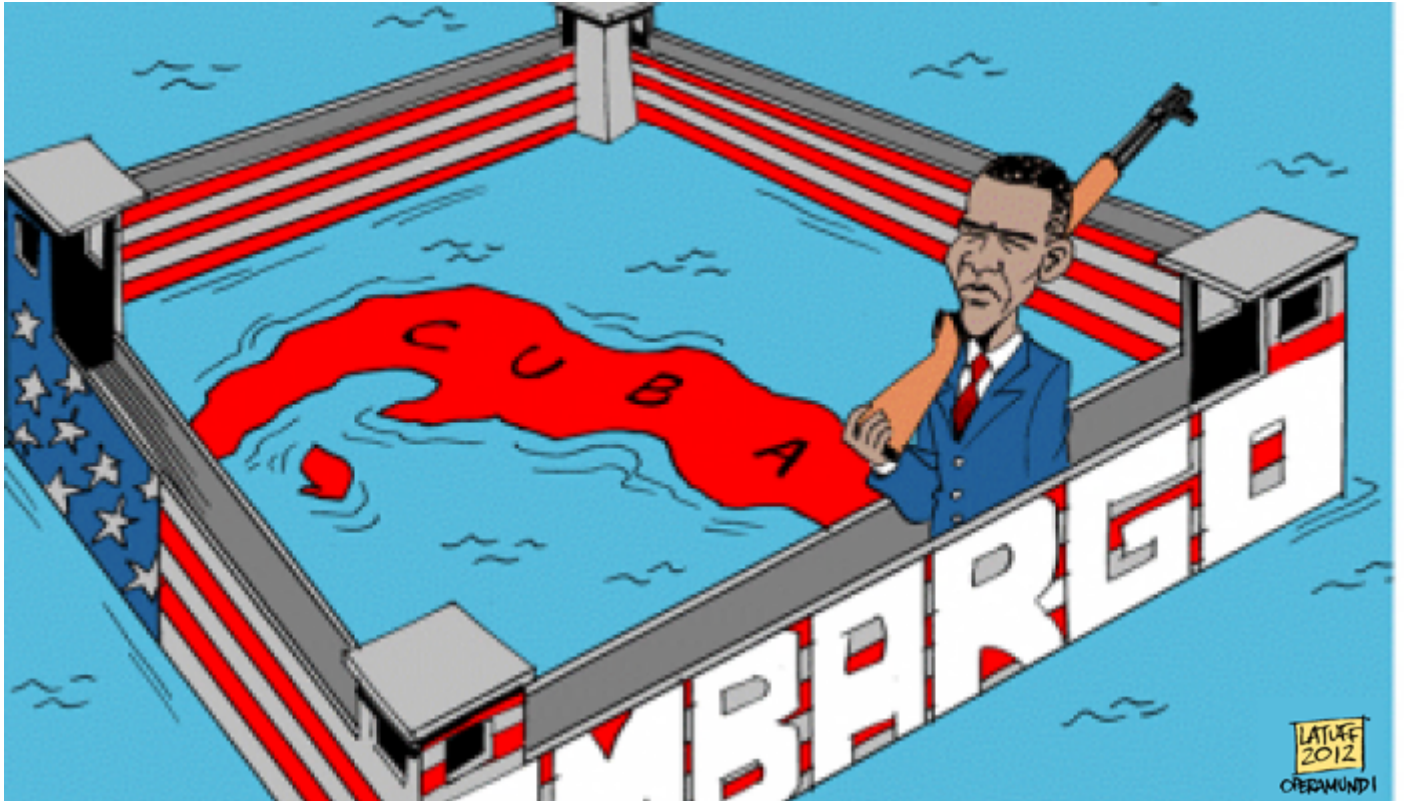


World Leaders Reject U.S. Blockade on Cuba



United Nations, September 25 (RHC)— Leaders from Latin America, Africa and Asia expressed their strong rejection of the U.S. economic blockade of Cuba during high-level debates at the United Nations General Assembly.

During the session attended by 193 UN member nations, Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro described Washington's anti-Cuba policy as a relic of the Cold War period.

Maduro recalled how much damage the U.S. blockade has inflicted on the Cuban people, despite its rejection by the international community for 22 years in a row at the UN General Assembly.

Bolivia's President Evo Morales said the U.S. blockade of Cuba is the most severe, unfair and prolonged package of sanctions ever imposed against a country.

Meanwhile, South Africa's Jacob Zuma demanded the island's economic freedom, whose authorities estimated the damage by the blockade at one trillion, 112 billion 534 million dollars. And Sri Lankan Mahinda Rajapaksa said the blockade has no ethics and is unfair given its impact on the innocent people of Cuba.

The UN forum will consider a new Cuban resolution on October 28th demanding the lifting of the U.S. economic, commercial and financial blockade of Cuba. A similar resolution was adopted last year with the

support of an overwhelming majority of 188 out of 193 UN member states.

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