

# *Latin American Ambassadors Condemn U.S. Economic Blockade against Cuba*

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Port of Spain, September 30 (teleSUR-RHC) -- Ambassadors of different Latin American countries reiterated Monday their disagreement with the economic, financial and trade blockade imposed by the United States on Cuba.

The declarations were made at the Ninth Meeting of the Latin American Association organized by the Center for Latin American Studies and the Caribbean (CELAC) in Trinidad and Tobago.

At the event, "The Economic, Trade and Financial Blockade against Cuba and the Current Cuban Economy," Cuban Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, Guillermo Vásquez Moreno, explained: "The blockade on Cuba inflicts significant damage to the well-being of the people and imposes serious obstacles to its economic, cultural and social development."

Venezuelan Ambassador Coromoto Godoy Calderón noted that the hardships imposed by the blockade have not affected Cuba's solidarity with other nations in distress, as shown by their decision to send more than 100 medical collaborators to fight the Ebola virus in West Africa.

The Venezuelan official reiterated the message by President Nicolás Maduro, who called for an end to the economic blockade Cuba.

At the UN, Maduro called the blockade a “Cold War anachronism” and said: “What terrible damage this doomed policy, condemned for 22 consecutive years by the General Assembly, has caused the Cuban people. President Barack Obama, when will you lift the blockade and end the persecution of our sister Cuba?”

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