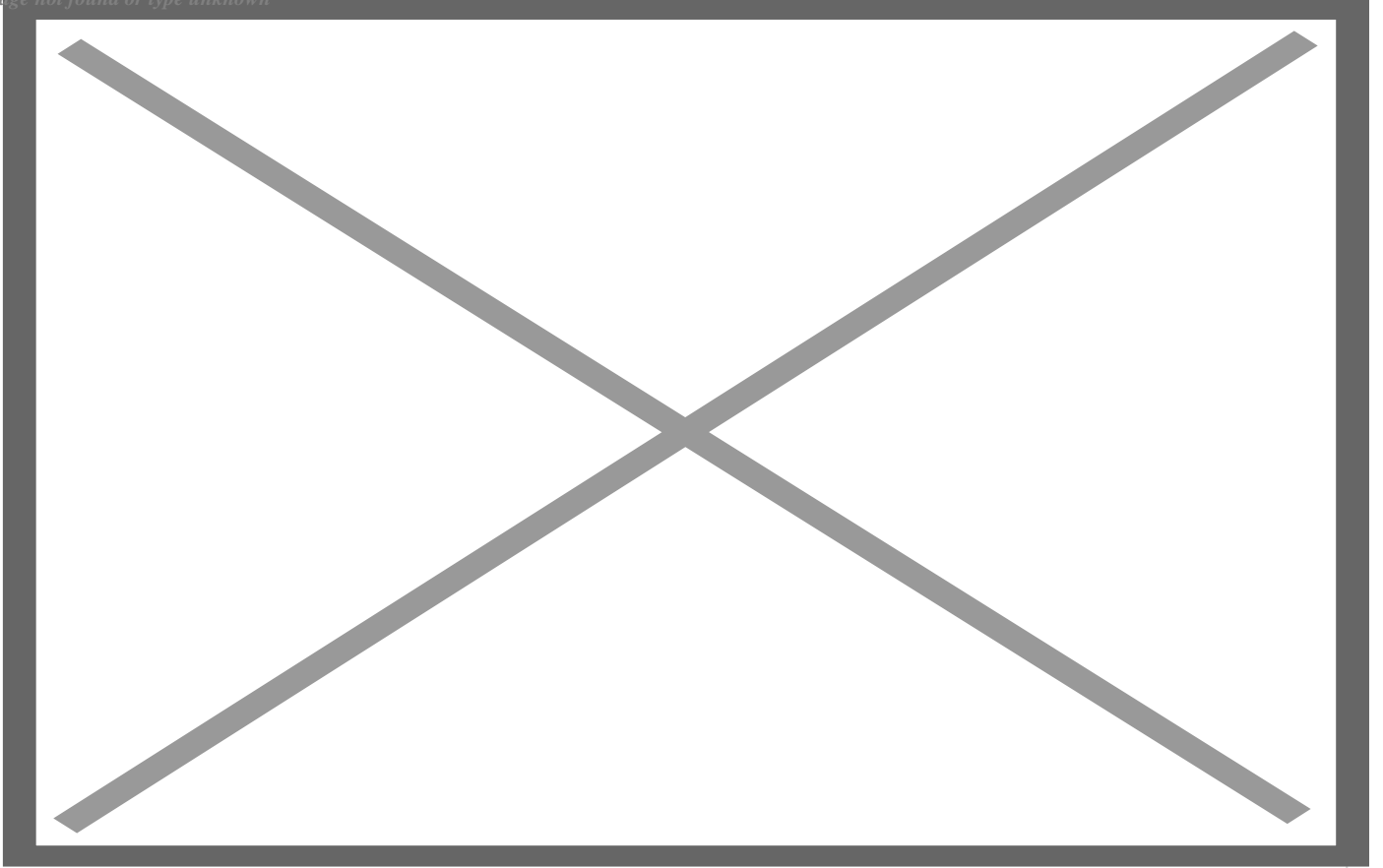


Venezuela stands by Cuba in its fight against the blockade

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Venezuela's UN representative Samuel Moncada

Havana, October 29 (RHC)-- "No Cuban family is exempt from the impact of the blockade, a policy that violates the human rights of its people," said today the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela when speaking at the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, where the need to end this unilateral measure against the Caribbean island is debated annually.

Venezuela's UN representative Samuel Moncada said that "for more than 30 years, we have gathered in this Assembly to unanimously demand the complete, immediate and unconditional lifting of the commercial and financial blockade that has been criminally applied for more than 60 years against Cuba and that affects all areas of life of its inhabitants."

He said that Cubans have decided not to give in to blackmail and U.S. coercion, which is based on a policy of maximum pressure and has its roots in the supremacist mentality of the Monroe Doctrine, still in force on the American continent.

The unilateral and violative policy has worsened in recent years with the activation of the third title of the Helms-Burton Act and the material damages exceed five billion dollars between 2023 and 2024, the Venezuelan representative said.

He referred to the arbitrary inclusion of Cuba in the unilateral list of the United States government that designates it as a State sponsor of terrorism, which is a work of imperial propaganda without foundation that increases the aggressions towards the island.

We demand that the U.S. government put an end to its double standards and cease the anachronistic policy of blockade which, due to its extraterritoriality, affects every country or entity that legally and sovereignly maintains economic, commercial or financial relations with Cuba, he said.

The Venezuelan diplomat considered that the Cuban people are willing to exercise their right to self-determination, independence and national sovereignty and pointed out that Venezuela supports the draft resolution: "Need to end the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba."

Since 1992, the Caribbean nation has received the majority support of the member states of the international organization in its struggle to end this flagrant violation of human rights imposed for more than six decades.

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