

The world celebrates the decision of the United States on Cuba and demands an end to the blockade

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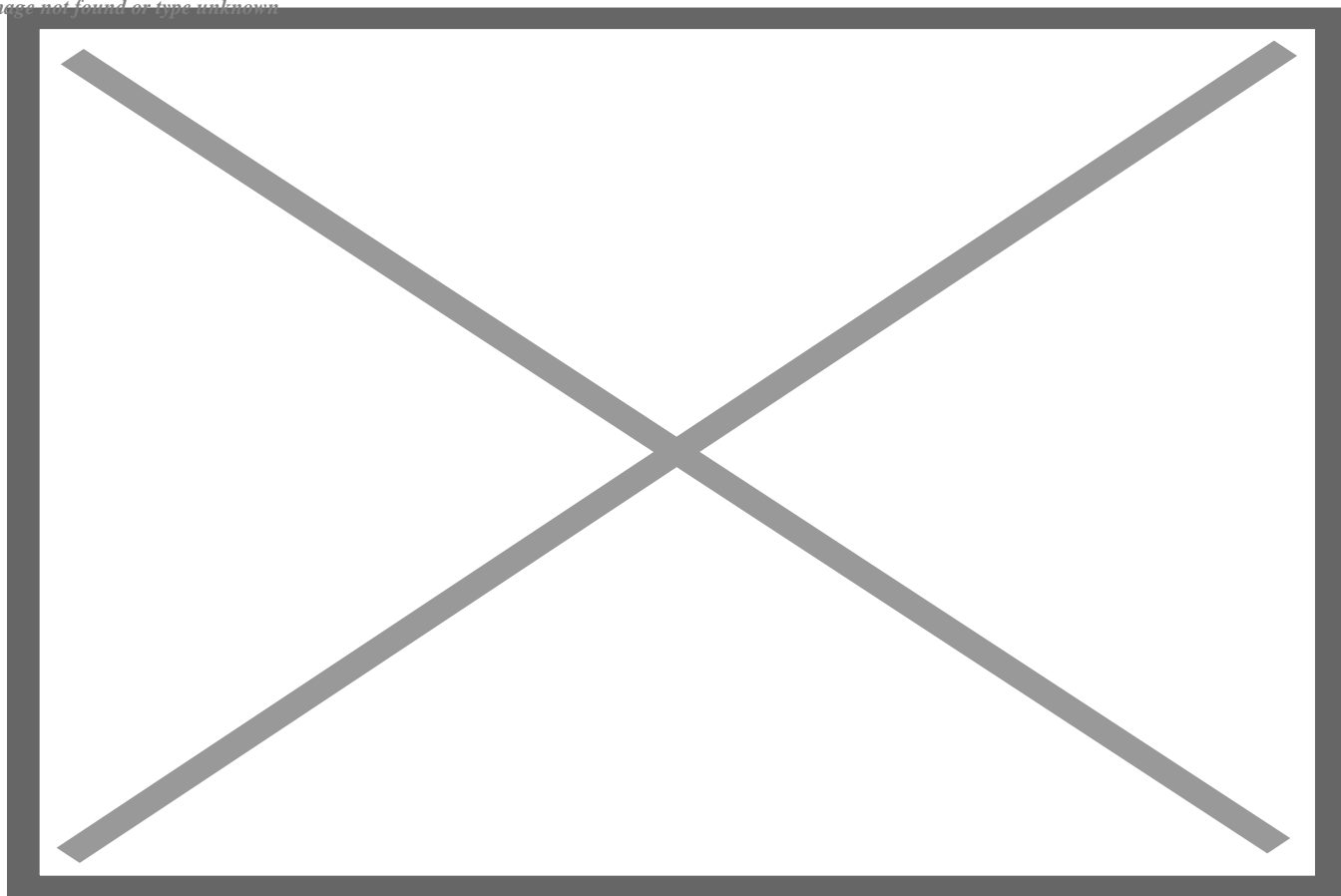


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Havana, January 15 (RHC)-- Cuba has been removed from the U.S. list of countries sponsoring terrorism, a decision of the White House celebrated by world leaders and social organizations that also demand the end of Washington's blockade.

The measure announced on Tuesday by the outgoing administration of Joe Biden was received with satisfaction in several countries, especially in Latin America, including Venezuela, Colombia and Bolivia, as well as representatives of solidarity movements with the Caribbean nation.

The Bolivarian government of President Nicolás Maduro described the action of the United States as limited and maintained that such a designation should never have been applied to the Caribbean island. Venezuela stressed the need to dismantle the economic, financial and commercial blockade that has affected Cuban society for more than 60 years.

For his part, the head of state of Bolivia, Luis Arce, praised the U.S. decision and stated that "reason, truth and justice have prevailed", after the "unilateral, arbitrary and infamous inclusion (on that list) in 2021," President Arce assured on his X account.

For his part, the president of Colombia, Gustavo Petro, also celebrated the exclusion of Cuba from that monstrosity that the United States is unilaterally preparing. The president considered that eliminating punitive measures, even partially, constitutes progress.

The foreign ministry of Colombia expressed gratitude to the Cuban people for the unrestricted support in the negotiation and dialogue processes necessary to achieve peaceful coexistence in Colombia.

"Due to our firm conviction in multilateralism as a principle of international relations, we reject the imposition of sanctions and unilateral measures and therefore, together with other allied countries in the region, we support the efforts and requests for the sister Republic of Cuba to be excluded from this list", added the note from that portfolio.

The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-People's Trade Treaty welcomed the news and also praised "the elimination by the US government of two other unilateral coercive measures," announced by the White House on Tuesday.

According to the Latin American and Caribbean integration bloc, despite the limited nature of the decision, it "goes in the right direction and in line with the sustained and firm claim of Cuba" and of numerous international actors, while favoring the Cuban nation on its sovereign path of development."

In the United States, the National Network on Cuba (NNOC) reaffirmed its commitment to fight against the blockade and highlighted the efforts of solidarity to achieve the result made public the day before by the Biden administration.

NNOC Co-President Cheryl LaBash told Prensa Latina: "When we fight, we win!" She referred to the "many resolutions representing more than 60 million people in the United States — city councils, state legislatures, unions — who made their voices heard"

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