

Cuba Calls on the United States to Respect International Community's Will



Geneva, October 29 (RHC)-- Cuba has called on the U.S. government to respect the will of the international community, expressed Tuesday at the UN General Assembly, where 191 out of 193 member states demanded the lifting of Washington's blockade policy towards Cuba.

Addressing a meeting of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Cuban Ambassador Anayansi Rodríguez said that the approved UN resolution expresses the concern of the vast majority of the International community regarding the persistence of the coercive, unilateral U.S. policy, particularly in the context of the re-establishment of US-Cuba relations.

The Cuban diplomat insisted that Section 211 of the U.S. Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998 -- the subject of a long-standing dispute between Washington and Havana at the WTO -- does not allow the registration or renewal in the United States of genuine Cuban trademarks like Havana Club Rum.

The Cuban permanent representative at Geneva-based UN bodies thanked all those countries, who month after month, advocate at the WTO a negotiated solution to the dispute over the U.S. Omnibus Appropriations Act, as well as those who every year at the UN General Assembly call for the definitive

lifting of the U.S. blockade.

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