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Press Release from the Board

Cuba Wins Against the USA at the UN in New York: The US Blockade Against Cuba Should Be Ended

Today, Wednesday, October 29, 2025, the UN General Assembly once again condemned the US blockade against Cuba, which has been in place since 1962, by a large majority and demanded its immediate end. The world's opinion is clear: 165 states called on the US to end its blockade against Cuba, 12 abstained, and only 7 voted against, including the main perpetrator (USA, Israel, Ukraine, Argentina, Hungary, Paraguay, North Macedonia). To avoid a defeat like those of recent years and the apparent isolation, the Trump administration recently sent urgent threatening letters to other governments worldwide, demanding in an imperial manner that they not vote for the resolution! This apparently had some effect.

The resolution is titled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba." For the 33rd time, the international community's unequivocal demand to the United States was articulated. In the more than three dozen supporting statements from ambassadors of various states and groups of states, the vehement discontent with the US government, which ignores and disregards all of this, became clear. A historic low point in previous UN General Assemblies was the mendacious and outrageous hate speech by US representative Mike Waltz. He repeated the entire arsenal of lies fabricated and disseminated in Washington and Florida against Cuba. These were refuted confidently, precisely, and with concrete examples by Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parilla, and exposed as fake news in line with the notoriously rule-breaking Trump administration.

The US blockade, in place since 1962, is clearly a violation of international law and demonstrably infringes upon all principles of the UN Charter, human rights, and trade law. The damage to the healthcare system is particularly dramatic. For example, 16 days of blockade are equivalent to Cuba's annual supply of medications on its national list of essential medicines. Furthermore, an increasing number of countries, companies, banks, and even associations are being harmed by the "extraterritorial effects." This is because US institutions presume to "punish" such foreign actors for cooperating with or trading with Cuban institutions and partners. The ever-expanding US economic war was further escalated by Trump, who added Cuba to his arbitrarily created list of states that allegedly support terrorism (SSoT) – a typical Trump & MAGA reversal of reality. According to Cuba's own estimates, the Cuban economy could have grown by 9.2 percent in 2024 – without the US sanctions.

The Cuba Network, with its 39 member organizations, is advocating for an end to the US blockade and is actively participating in the "UNBLOCK CUBA" campaign, which is being conducted in several European countries. Our demands: The economic, financial, and trade blockade against Cuba must finally be ended! The clear voting results in the UN General Assembly must be respected. They must be implemented, and the imperialist arbitrariness, especially of the USA, must be stopped. The German government and the EU must finally take action!

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