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**END THE ILLEGAL US BLOCKADE OF CUBA NOW**

**END US INTERFERENCE AND PROVOCATIONS NOW**

The New Communist Party of Yugoslavia strongly condemns the 64 year old US economic blockade of Cuba which is a major contributor to the current economic difficulties in Cuba including a shortage of food and electricity. This is the whole purpose of the US blockade as stated in this 1960 US State Department memo:

"every possible means should be undertaken promptly to weaken the economic life of Cuba...to decrease monetary and real wages, to bring about hunger, desperation, and the overthrow of government."

In Cuba, the Cuban people and their government have resisted and prevailed for 64 years. The Cuban people have every reason to protest and object to the US blockade that has created such hardship for the people and the government of Cuba whose socialist society has been under relentless attack since the defeat of the gangster Batista government - supported by the US - in 1959.

Statements by the US Embassy in Cuba that the Cuban government should "respect human rights" and "attend to the needs of the people" are ludicrous in the cold light of history and the reality of the last 64 years of US attempts to overthrow the Cuban government, assassinate its leaders, invade the country, sicken its people with chemical and biological warfare, threaten its trading partners, and starve the Cuban people into submission to US imperialism's dictation.

Cuba's foreign policy - in contrast - is for peace, sovereignty and independence, and it is known around the world for exporting teachers and educators, doctors, nurses, and vaccines to widespread impoverishment and exploitation, exacerbated by US imperialism.

Cuba, its government and its people stand as a bright light of humanism, equality, democracy, national liberation and sovereignty, and socialism in the Americas and around the world.

Since 1959, our people has followed a path of friendship, cooperation, tourism and trade with Cuba, unlike the US which has worked non-stop to destabilize and overthrow the Cuban government and the path to socialism that Cuba has chosen.



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Every country and people have the right to national self-determination and to peace, free of external interference, under the UN Charter. This is a view supported by the vast majority of Serbian citizens. It's time to demand an end to the illegal US blockade, and further to demand that Cuba be removed from the US constructed list of "State Sponsors of Terrorism".

The New Communist Party of Yugoslavia calls on all those who value democracy, sovereignty, peace, and Cuba's selfless contributions to universal healthcare and education to speak up now for an end to the six decade US blockade against Cuba, for an end to US interference and provocations against Cuba, and for Cuba's removal from the US list of State Sponsors of Terrorism.

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