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LIFT THE U.S. BLOCKADE ON CUBA!



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LIFT THE CRIMINAL U.S. BLOCKADE ON CUBA!

By Raúl Antonio Capote

The use of a law that should have no place in contemporary international relations demonstrates the U.S. administration's obstinacy in maintaining the economic, commercial, and financial blockade against Cuba intact, ignoring the majority rejection of the international community and the clamor within the United States itself for this policy to end.

Recently, in its eagerness to show hostility and exert maximum pressure on the Cuban people, the White House revalidated the application of the so-called Trading with the Enemy Act (TWEA), an archaic and aggressive legal instrument passed in 1917 during World War I.



Cubans Rally in Havana Against the U.S. Blockade on Cuba. December 2024.

This was denounced by Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, member of the Political Bureau of the PCC and foreign minister, through his account on social network X, in which he pointed out that this measure is "part of the U.S. government's effort to suffocate the Cuban economy."

Secretary of State Marco Rubio was responsible for announcing the extension of this law for another year, until September 14, 2026. The renewal was signed by President Donald Trump on August 29, according to the official document published on September 4 in the Federal Register.

Each year, the president in office must sign this extension, which grants him the power to regulate exports to Cuba, allowing him to maintain and renew the blockade against the island annually, using the law as the legal basis for the Treasury Department's regulations.

In addition, this legislation allows for

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the issuance of limitations on export licenses, especially for sensitive products, and maintains strict supervision of financial and commercial transactions linked to the largest of the Antilles.

With this decision, Washington insists on its strategy of siege to generate hunger and despair among Cuban families, a goal that has historically failed thanks to the resistance of the Cuban people and international solidarity.


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THE COST OF 18 DAYS OF BLOCKADE

Is equivalent to the annual maintenance cost of the National Electrical Power System (with the exception of fuel and investments) (around USD 250,000,000).

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Read Cuba's 2024 Report to the United Nations General Assembly on the impact of the U.S. blockade

Cuba Stands with Palestine!

In line with the firm and sustained commitment to support and contribute as much as possible to legitimate international efforts to end the genocide committed against the Palestinian people, the Government of the Republic of Cuba has decided to intervene in the contentious proceedings initiated by the Republic of South Africa against the State of Israel before the International Court of Justice.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 63 of the Statute of the Court, and in strict observance of its obligations as a State party to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, Cuba will make use of its right to present, as a Third State, its interpretation of the rules of the Convention that Israel has flagrantly violated with its actions in the illegally occupied Palestinian territory of the Gaza Strip.

The lawsuit filed with the main judicial body of the United Nations is primarily aimed at halting atrocities against the Palestinian people as a result of Israel's disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force.

Israel, with total impunity, protected by the complicity of the United States Government, ignores its obligations as the occupying Power under the Fourth Geneva Convention.



March in Solidarity with Palestine in Havana, Cuba. October 2024



Havana statue of Cuba's National Hero Jose Marti with Cuban and Palestinian flags

Genocide, Apartheid, forced displacement and collective punishment cannot be included in today's world, nor can they be tolerated by the international community. Justice and respect for the Charter of the United Nations and international law must prevail.

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Join the Postcard Campaign in Defense of Cuba

Friends of Cuba Against the U.S. Blockade – Vancouver and the NY-NJ Cuba Si Coalition launched a postcard campaign aimed at U.S. President Trump which declares, "Cuba is NOT a 'sponsor of terrorism'! Remove Cuba from your list!".

As part of this campaign, people can send postcards as often as they want to the White House. It is a physical reminder to their mail room about this ongoing campaign and this injustice by the U.S. government against Cuba. But also, as folks are mailing their postcard they can take selfies and share them on social media – making this also a public education campaign. Furthermore, these postcards could be used to hand out at events and protests as a way to engage with people and encourage them to take action in support of Cuba!

We hope that you will join us in this exciting new campaign in solidarity with Cuba. If you would like more information or to order postcards please email: nobloqueovancouver@gmail.com



US Military Deployment in the Caribbean Sea Threatens the Region Under Absurd Pretexts

The Cuban Government strongly rejects the current deployment of United States military forces in the Caribbean Sea. This dangerous action represents a serious threat and an aggressive show of force against the sovereignty and self-determination of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. Furthermore, it ignores the commitment of the 33 Member States of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States when they proclaimed the region as a Zone of Peace.

The US claims associating the legitimate government of Venezuela and its President Nicolas Maduro with criminal organizations involved in illegal drug trafficking is an absurd pretext that is unfounded. Leaders in Washington are irresponsibly disregarding the assessment of their own Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) that, in its report this year, does not mention the Venezuelan Government among the authors or enablers of drug trafficking operations threatening the United States territory.

The Government of the United States resorts to lies once again to justify violence and plunder. They use them in the renewed implementation of the dominance scheme based on the Monroe Doctrine, key to their interventionism in the American continent. On the basis of similar fallacies, they have carried out ruthless aggressions resulting in considerable and protracted human costs. An example from recent decades was the charade about the alleged presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. This pretext served to attack and invade a sovereign country, causing the death of hundreds of thousands of its citizens and the forced displacement of a similar figure.

The United States is the largest market of narcotic drugs in the region and possibly



the world, according to the World Drug Report 2025, published by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. This fact is well-known and the international community must denounce it. It is in the US where the largest networks are located, encouraging consumption, guaranteeing distribution, facilitating traffic, collection and accumulation of the large proceeds. Such networks launder the resulting drug money within the country's own economy with relative impunity, without serious and effective efforts being made by the government to stop it.

The immense proceeds from the illegal US market encourage the emergence and operation of drug trafficking networks in Latin America and the Caribbean. That country's powerful arms industry and its uncontrolled privileges for commercialization feed the deadly power of the region's criminal organizations. Neglect and failure to act on the root causes of the phenomenon within the United States will only intensify the regional impact of this scourge.

Cuba reiterates its firm commitment with the honest and effective fight against illegal trafficking in drugs, the defense of the national sovereignty and the promotion of peace and stability in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Cuba denounces in equally strong terms the use of irregular migration flows as an excuse to turn the waters of the Caribbean Sea into a war zone. No one

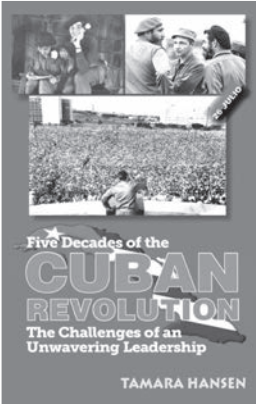
with minimum common sense and honesty believe that the quantity of the troops, the combat materiel, naval forces, including nuclear submarines, and the firepower that the United States has sought to deploy in this peaceful area of the world, is the appropriate manner to fight organized crime, illicit drug trafficking or irregular migration flows, nor that such deployment is truly pursuing its stated goals.

Cuba reiterates the call made by President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermúdez, at the 13th Extraordinary Summit of ALBA-TCP, last 20 August, to firmly denounce the new imperialist shows of force.

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