

# *Nicaraguan foreign minister at United Nations slams U.S. interventionism*

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United Nations, October 2 (RHC)-- Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Denis Ronaldo Moncada addressed the 73rd United Nations General Assembly Monday where he expressed his solidarity with Cuba and Venezuela and condemned the financial blockades and threats of military intervention by the United States.

Denouncing Washington's interventionist policies, Nicaragua's top diplomat said: "The government and the Nicaraguan people defend the principle of sovereignty." He added that using economic sanctions is a coercive method adopted by the U.S. to change governments illegally which is totally unacceptable.

"We demand the cessation of any policy that violates international law with interventionist actions in Nicaragua and in sister nations," he said.

Expressing solidarity with Palestinians, he said: "Nicaragua calls for the formation of the two states, the State of Palestine and Israel," followed by expressing his solidarity with the people of Syria in the fight against terrorism. He added that "for Nicaragua to contribute to international peace is to achieve complete nuclear disarmament." He also expressed his support for the denuclearization of the two

Koreas.

The foreign minister of the Central American nation highlighted the progress his country has made in recent years, including reduction of extreme poverty from 14.6 percent in 2009 to 6.9 percent in 2016. He also added that the country has worked in a sustained manner to achieve the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

And Nicaragua's foreign minister emphasized that "action is urgently needed to combat climate change" and that the Nicaraguan government advocates a world with values.

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