

# *The U.S. blockade against Cuba is contrary to a culture of peace, Cuban representative at the UN says*

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**Cuba's DPR to the UN, Ana Silvia Rodriguez Abascal addresses UN High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace.**

Havana, September 11 (RHC)-- Ana Silvia Rodriguez Abascal, Cuba's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, said Friday that the economic, financial, and commercial blockade the United States is imposing on Cuba is contrary to a culture of peace. During the High-Level Forum on Culture of Peace, Rodriguez Abascal referred to this issue at the world organization.

The diplomat emphasized that peace is more than the absence of war since it cannot exist without economic and social development, justice, and equity for all.

Rodriguez argued that amid the COVID-19 pandemic, unilateral coercive measures continue being implemented. In the case of Cuba, it has had to face the unprecedented tightening of the unjust blockade imposed by the United States for almost six decades.

According to the Foreign Ministry website, the current pandemic has clearly shown the unjust international order, the inequality within and between countries, the advance of unilateralism, and the lack of solidarity of highly industrialized nations with developing nations.

The Cuban representative expressed Cuba's commitment to peace since the Caribbean nation is a signatory and defender of the Declaration and Program on a Culture of Peace, and the Declaration of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, adopted in 2014 in Havana.

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