

# *Cuba rejects in UN the application of unilateral coercive measures*

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Speaking at the United Nations General Assembly in a session dedicated to the culture of peace, the Cuban diplomat denounced how amid the Covid-19 pandemic, such actions are increasing, mainly directed to developing countries.

Such coercive measures are contrary to the UN Charter and international law and make it even more difficult for the concerned states to deal with Covid-19, he stressed.

Pedroso also referred to the pandemic's impact throughout the world and how this implies new challenges and makes existing ones more complicated.

The pandemic shows the unjust nature of the international order in which we live, which reproduces the rich countries' privileges and perpetuates the shortcomings of the poor, the Caribbean diplomat said.

My country has been facing for six decades the effects of the criminal economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States, intensified in the times of Covid-19, and its unconventional war actions and subversion agendas, he said when referring to the case of Cuba.

Washington's attitude is contrary to a culture of peace, whose importance and value Cuba recognizes, he added. As long as supremacist, racist and xenophobic ideas continue to be promoted, which are scientifically false and morally unacceptable, the concept of a culture of peace will not advance, the Cuban ambassador warned.

The Cuban diplomat took advantage of the occasion to announce the island's adhesion to the Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, an attempt to re-establish and make multilateralism and peace prevail to achieve the development of humanity.

Cuba is also committed to the Declaration and Program on a Culture of Peace, as well as to the Declaration of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, adopted in 2014 in Havana, within the framework of the Second Summit of the Community of Latin American and the Caribbean States.

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