

Cuba thanks the European Union for its position on U.S. blockade



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Havana, March 26 (RHC)--Cuba and the European Union (EU) held a dialogue on unilateral coercive measures this week, following full respect for sovereign equality, independence, legality, and non-interference in the internal affairs of states, said Havana's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement.

During the third round of the Dialogue on Unilateral Coercive Measures—held virtually on Thursday—delegations of Cuba and the European bloc debated in a "respectful and constructive" atmosphere about the damages caused by the U.S. economic, commercial and financial embargo on Cuba.

The parties considered that this measure affects both the Cuban people and the economic and commercial interests of the EU, said the Cuban Foreign Ministry.

The island's representation thanked the EU for supporting the United Nations resolution that demands the end of the "U.S. blockade," its condemnation of the application of Titles III and IV of the Helms-Burton Act, and its rebuke of Cuba's inclusion in Washington's list of state sponsors of terrorism.

The statement points out that the Dialogue's essential segment was the exchange on existing regulatory provisions in the EU and its member states to counteract the extraterritorial dimension of the coercive measures applied by the United States to the island.

In this regard, the parties also addressed Regulation 2271/96 of the European Union Council and other initiatives that could be developed to face the extraterritorial application of the Helms-Burton Act.

The delegations were headed by María del Carmen Herrera, acting director-general for Multilateral Affairs and International Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba, and the deputy director-general for the Americas of the European Foreign Action Service, Javier Niño.

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