

# *Cuba: The effects of the US blockade on Cuba are incalculable*

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**Cuban Foreign Ministry Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla addressed the UN General Assembly this June 23, 2021.**

New York, June 23 (RHC)—Cuban Foreign Ministry Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla recalled on Wednesday the brutality US Blockade now reinforced at a time of the pandemic.

Addressing the UN General Assembly to present a resolution requesting the end of the 6-decade old measure, the Foreign Ministry said that the rules adopted by the Trump Administration were similar to those adopted in a time of war.

Those actions, he added, have remained unchanged since President Joe Biden was sworn in, despite his presidential campaign promises to the contrary.

The Caribbean island's top diplomat asserted that the damage caused by the US blockade is incalculable.

"No Cuban family has escaped the effects of this inhumane policy amid the pandemic. It has deprived the island of accessing technology, devices, treatment, and appropriate drugs."

Rodriguez reiterated that "the blockade is a massive flagrant and systemic violation of the human rights of the Cuban people and that It constitutes an act of genocide."

He said it was an economic and extraterritorial war waged against a small country deprived of vital revenues due to the global recession and financial crisis caused by the pandemic.

The Minister added that the US has cynically attempted to sell the idea that the Cuban system is failing and that its government is inefficient in dismissing the impact of its coercive measures on the Cuban people.

From April 2020 till December 2020, the blockade produced damage to the tune of 9 billion dollars.

In another moment of his address, the Cuban Foreign Minister said that some dream of causing political and social instability on the island in the context of the economic difficulties caused by the US government, and mentioned the vast resources Washington uses in its frenzied campaign to discredit Cuba through the use of lies and manipulation.

He warned that a few fantasize about provoking a flow of irregular unbridled, and uncontrolled flow migration between Cuba and the United States.

Rodriguez cautioned that this was a dangerous bet, and we warned the US government about the dangers of this idea.

"They have a legal and moral; obligation to honor existing bilateral migratory accords, particularly on the issuance of visas," he said.

At the end of his remarks the Cuban Foreign Minister requested the international community to vote for the resolution which has been widely adopted for three decades.

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