

Testimonies about damage caused by Washington's blockade of Cuba and extraterritorial measures presented in Brussels

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Damage of the blockade of Cuba and its extraterritorial reach is attested at international court

Brussels, Nov 16 (RHC) Organizations and individuals from several countries presented today in their capacity as witnesses complaints about the effects on Cuba and extraterritorial ones in an international court based in the European Parliament that judges the US blockade.

On the first day of sessions of the court convened by political, social and legal organizations from Europe and the United States, Cuban mothers of children with cancer denounced the difficulties that the government faces in acquiring key medications in the treatments for their children.

Also from the island, the prominent scientist Belinda Sánchez, one of the creators of the vaccines against Covid-19, explained the obstacles that the economic, commercial and financial blockade poses to access reagents and resources for research and production.

Coming from the United States, the Bridges of Love organization shared with the international court the difficulties they encounter in their humanitarian work, often limited in the pediatric field by the regulations derived from the blockade, which prevent the sale of drugs and medical supplies intended for Cuba.

For his part, Víctor Fernández, president of Cuba Coopération France, exposed the extraterritorial impact of Washington's hostile policy in the execution of projects in France and Spain to accompany the socioeconomic development of the island. In particular, he addressed the refusal of banks to make transfers to the Caribbean country, even in cases of humanitarian aid in the face of hurricanes.

Businessmen such as Juan Francisco from Spain and Michele Curto from Italy presented concrete examples of damage caused by the blockade to commercial activity, in which it hits every link in the logistics chain.

Through a video message, Mogens Lykketoft, former Chancellor of Denmark and president in 2015 and 2016 of the UN General Assembly, pointed out the extraterritoriality of the policy in force for more than 60 years and its consequences for Cuba's socioeconomic development.

Other witnesses denounced the obstacles that the blockade imposes on academic cooperation between Belgium and Cuba, and on the island's cultural and parliamentary exchanges with the world. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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