

# *Venezuelan foreign minister calls attempt to tighten blockade on Cuba perverse*

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Moscow, June 25 (RHC)-- The Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jorge Arreaza, on Thursday described as perverse the attempts by U.S. congressmen to propose sanctions against countries that accept Cuba's medical collaboration.

"Millions of people have been saved in almost 20 years of medical collaboration with Cuba, only in the case of Venezuela, although this extends to dozens of nations, the Venezuelan foreign minister told reporters in Moscow.

"It is absurd to think that a country can be sanctioned for receiving doctors to save its people. It would not only be an empire (the United States), but a necrophiliac empire, an empire of death," he said.

They wanted to prevent Cuban doctors from going to Lombardy, in Italy, and those who have gone to the Caribbean in the outbreaks that have occurred and other situations in Africa, where the island's doctors have been, said the Venezuelan foreign minister.

It would be foolish, perverse and criminal to sanction a nation for trying, with the help of Cuban doctors, to treat its citizens, emphasized Arreaza, who referred in that sense to the island's work in medical

cooperation around the world.

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