

# *African Union condemns the continuation of the blockade against Cuba*

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Addis Ababa, February 8 (RHC)-- For the twelfth consecutive occasion, the Assembly of the African Union made up of the African Heads of State and Government, approved the "Resolution on the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on the Republic of Cuba by the United States of America".

According to the Foreign Ministry website, the text expresses deep concern for the blockade's continuity and supports the Resolution approved every year by the UN General Assembly on the subject.

In another part of the document, the African Union regrets the setback experienced in Cuba and the US's relations and calls on the latter to lift the unjustified and lengthy sanctions.

The African countries also consider the negative impact of applying the extraterritorial Helms-Burton Act, especially the full implementation of its Title III, as well as verifying the aggravated impact of the sanctions at the time of the current COVID-19 pandemic on the Caribbean archipelago.

Finally, the Resolution indicates that the blockade is the main obstacle for Cuba to achieve the goals contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and reaffirms Africa's solidarity with the Cuban people.

African leaders concluded this Sunday, February 7, their two-day 34th Ordinary Summit -held in virtual format-, which elected the new leadership of the African Union Commission, and where they analyzed various issues , with emphasis on the fight against COVID-19, the prevention and management of conflicts, as well as the development initiatives underway under Agenda 2063.

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