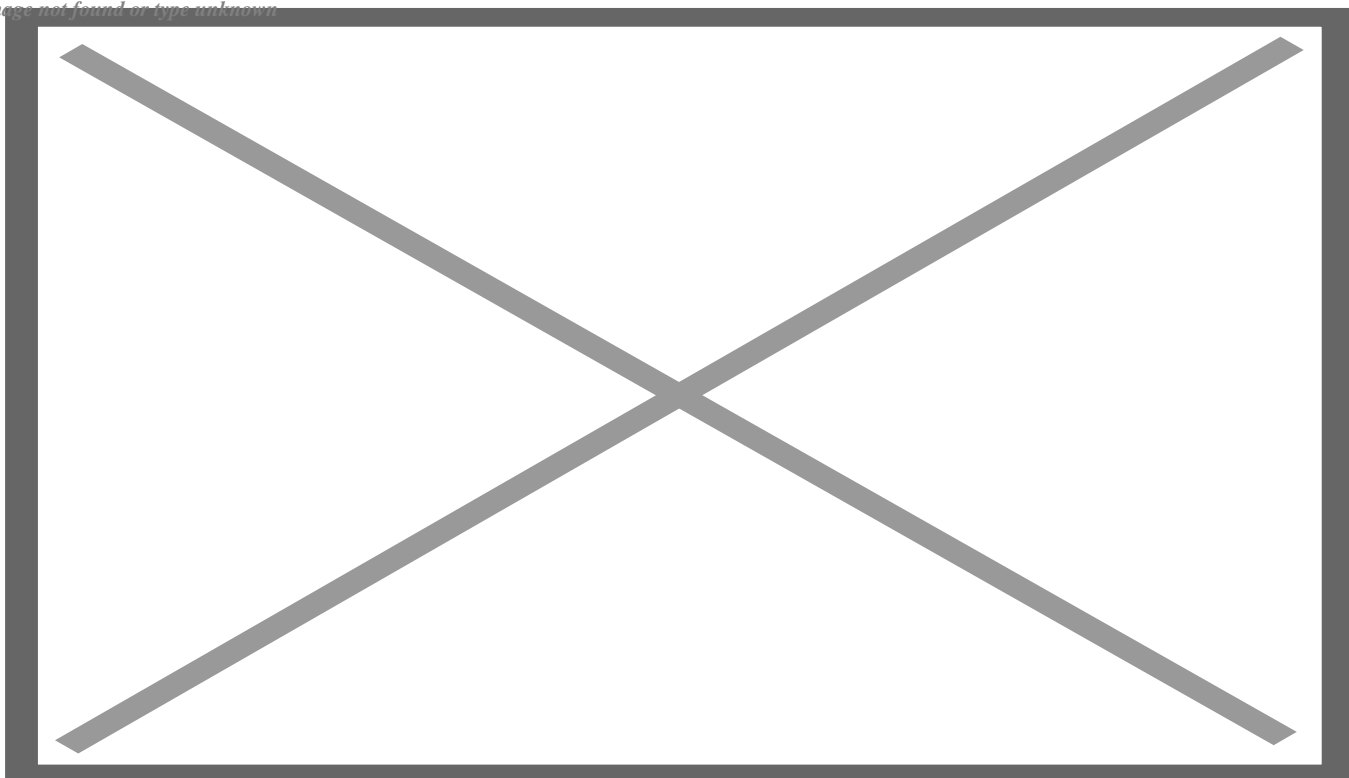


Blockade against Cuba is unjustifiable and unacceptable

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In November, Cuba's denunciation of the economic damages, but also the suffering caused to Cuban families by the blockade imposed by the United States for the past sixty years, will once again come before the UN General Assembly.

The damages caused by that obsolete U.S. policy in sixty years of application amount to more than 154 BILLION dollars, according to the updated report on the losses caused to the largest of the Antilles, presented by Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez to the national and foreign press accredited in our country.

Cuba has also had to face an intensification of this unilateral measure in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic and the health, energy and food crisis caused worldwide by the disease caused by the new coronavirus.

The current U.S. administration, presided over by Joe Biden, has maintained the most aggressive measures imposed against the Cuban people by his predecessor in the White House, Donald Trump.

Thus, the foreign minister said, in just seven months, from August 2021 to February 2022, the siege caused losses of almost four billion dollars, a record figure for that period of time.

The arbitrary inclusion of our country in the US State Department's unilateral list of nations allegedly sponsoring terrorism, which in statements to the NBC News network, former US intelligence officials described as falsehood and a pretext to reinforce the logic of the blockade, is also maintained.

In fact, as Bruno Rodriguez pointed out, inclusion in that list increases the country risk and implies paying between a third more or double to acquire any merchandise.

Cuba is waging an intense battle for the lifting of the blockade, a battle in which it is not alone. Twenty-nine resolutions of condemnation have been passed by the UN General Assembly by a large majority.

Moreover, at each session at the highest level, heads of state and government of various nations express their rejection of a policy that impedes the progress of the Caribbean nation and violates the most elementary human rights of an entire people.

The U.S. blockade is an extraterritorial economic war in times of peace and from the legal, political and moral point of view it is ethically unjustifiable and unacceptable.

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