

# *Venezuela demands restoration of its right to vote at the UN*

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**Nicolas Maduro, (c) during the celebration of the 22nd Anniversary of the Cuba-Venezuela Agreement, November 4, 2022.**

Caracas, November 5 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro demanded Friday that his country's right to vote in the General Assembly be restored, which it lost due to the "debts accumulated in its obligatory contributions" because of U.S. sanctions.

During a ceremony broadcast by the state channel VTV, the President demanded that the UN establish mechanisms for Caracas to pay the debts.

"I have already told the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, to solve this problem for us", emphasizing that this is an "obligation" and a "duty" for Guterres.

Maduro maintained that the financial sanctions imposed by the United States on Venezuela "prevent having bank accounts" to pay the Caribbean country's dues to the UN.

On the other hand, Maduro regretted not having been able to participate in the vote of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) last Wednesday on the U.S. embargo on Cuba.

The resolution on the need to end the U.S. blockade of Cuba received a resounding support from the international community, with 185 votes in favor, two abstentions (Ukraine and Brazil) and two votes against (United States and Israel).

According to Maduro, although his country was unable to vote, it did exercise "fully" its right to speak, to say that it is with the Cuban nation and "against the criminal blockade of 60 years that has martyred, tortured and persecuted Cuba". (Source/HispanTV)

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