

# *CELAC supports Cuba against the US blockade*

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Buenos Aires, Jan 24 (RHC) The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) expressed today its rejection of the United States blockade against Cuba and requested its exclusion from the unilateral list of nations that allegedly sponsor terrorism.

In a document adopted in the Buenos Aires declaration, the Heads of State and Governments of the 33 CELAC countries reiterated the call of the United Nations General Assembly to put an end to the economic, commercial, and financial siege, which causes serious damage to the welfare of the Cuban people.

They also urge US President Joe Biden to lift this measure and reiterated that said blockade is contrary to the principles of the UN Charter and International Law.

On the other hand, CELAC Heads of State expressed their deep concern about the intensification of this policy, especially in the context of Covid-19, and their rejection of the extraterritorial dimension of the blockade, which has a severe and negative impact on Cuba's international financial transactions and the well-being of its people.

The text also repudiates the arbitrary inclusion of the island in the unilateral list of States that allegedly

sponsor terrorism and requests that the parties involved comply with the successive resolutions approved by the UN that reiterate the call to put an end to the blockade.

In this 7th Summit, which was attended by several presidents, the voice of rejection of a siege that for more than 60 years has sought to suffocate the Cuban people was heard.

The island, whose delegation was headed by its president Miguel Díaz-Canel, was also congratulated for his recent election as president of the Group of 77 and China.

"We trust that during his management the interests of our region will be promoted and the relations of cooperation and solidarity of the Member States will be consolidated for the benefit of our peoples," the final text states.

During the meeting, several leaders reiterated their support for Cuba, among them Honduran Xiomara Castro, who denounced the policy of aggression against that island, Venezuela and Nicaragua, and thanked Fidel Castro, Raúl Castro, and Díaz Canel, for promoting CELAC. (Prensa Latina)

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