



Statement from the Australia-Cuba Friendship Society on the Ongoing Struggle Against the Imperialist Blockade of Cuba

In recent weeks, Cuba's significant economic challenges, the consequence of the longest-running economic blockade in history, imposed by the United States for over sixty years to induce suffering amongst the Cuban people, have heightened.

At the peak of hurricane season, the blockade has, through restrictions on the supply of parts and fuel, caused severe disruption to the Cuban electrical grid, sparking widespread blackouts and impeding efforts to keep Cubans safe.

The blockade, including the outrageous designation of Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism, continues to be exploited by the United States and its allies in the media and anti-Cuban terrorist organisations to promote discontent and disruption amongst the Cuban people with the express aim of destroying their Revolutionary project.

On the eve of the 32nd consecutive United Nations vote to end the blockade against Cuba, we are once again faced with the reality that the United States, Israel and a tiny collection of other proxies continue to inflict suffering on the Cuban people against the will of the peoples of the world, including Australia and New Zealand.

The suffering imposed by the United States against Cuba is an expressly political and violent act, reflecting their complete disregard for international law and the principles of self-determination. As we all watch in disgust at the ongoing genocide being inflicted against the Palestinian people, we are reminded that the insidious horrors of imperialism stretch to all corners of the globe.

The Australian Parliament must strengthen its support for the Cuban people beyond ongoing support at the UN. We call on the Australian Government to urgently pass the motion currently adjourned in the Federation Chamber calling for an end to the US blockade.

We demand the end of the unjust imperialist blockade aimed at suffocating Cuba.

We demand the removal of Cuba from the sham State Sponsors of Terrorism list.

We condemn the tightening of sanctions imposed by the United States in recent years, by both the Trump and Biden administrations, which have forced misery upon the masses of Cuba as punishment of seeking an independent path to development and a better world.

Let Cuba live!

In solidarity,

Members of the Australia-Cuba Friendship Society

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