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Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba**Letter dated 1 December 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against the Republic of Cuba (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 36.

(Signed) V. Nebenzia



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Statement by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against the Republic of Cuba

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation welcomes the adoption on 3 November 2022 by the United Nations General Assembly of the resolution entitled “Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba”. Similar resolutions reaffirming the unwavering solidarity of the international community with the Cuban people have been supported by the overwhelming majority of States Members of the United Nations since 1992.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation strongly condemns the imposition by the United States of America of sanctions against the Republic of Cuba and regards the actions of the United States as a systematic flagrant violation of the principles and norms of international law as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and a challenge to the entire system of international relations that undermines the foundations of global and regional stability. The results of the vote on this resolution reaffirmed the almost unanimous rejection by the international community of Washington’s unilateral restrictive policies.

The Senators of the Russian Federation express their unwavering solidarity with the leadership and people of the Republic of Cuba in their just and legitimate demands for an immediate end to the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation advocates for the repeal of the Helms-Burton Act adopted in the United States on 12 March 1996 and other similar laws with extraterritorial implications that negatively affect free trade and violate the legal rights and interests of legal entities and individuals.

The economic, commercial and financial embargo against the Republic of Cuba, which has lasted for more than 60 years, is the manifestation of a neocolonial policy designed to force a sovereign state to abandon its independence and its own development path in favour of the overt dictates of Washington.

The actions of the United States and its allies in imposing sanctions in circumvention of the United Nations Security Council, inciting conflicts between independent States and encouraging the so-called “colour revolutions” and separatist movements around the world are increasingly becoming a destructive political agenda aimed at serving the purely opportunistic interests of a narrow group of “privileged” States under the pretext of concern for democratic values.

International relations are currently going through a momentous period. The United States and its allies are trying with all their might to preserve the unipolar world order that emerged after 1991 and to impose on the international community a kind of “rules-based order” aimed at establishing the unlimited power of States of the so-called “collective West” to issue dictates with complete disregard for true democratic values and fundamental moral norms.

Under these conditions, the aspiration of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Cuba to move, through joint efforts, towards a multipolar world based on a balance of interests, the principles of equality and justice, and respect for each other becomes especially important.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation expresses its gratitude to the leadership and the people of the Republic of Cuba for their unwavering support for the efforts of the Russian Federation to protect peace, security and the universally recognized principles of international law enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

Relations between Russia and Cuba take the form of a strategic partnership based on a long tradition of friendship and mutual respect. The ongoing high level of trust between the peoples of the two States allows us to continue working to strengthen and develop multifaceted cooperation, including through parliamentary channels.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation calls upon all parliaments of foreign States, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament, the Central American Parliament, the Parliament of the Southern Common Market and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to strongly condemn the actions taken by the United States against the Cuban people and enact legislation in support of the prompt implementation of the United Nations General Assembly resolution aimed at ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States against the Republic of Cuba.

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