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On Tuesday, Miguel Díaz-Canel, First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, highlighted the illegitimacy of the economic, commercial, and financial blockade, a policy maintained and intensified by the United States despite the rejection of the international community.

Through his Twitter account, the President described the blockade as criminal and stressed that the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has almost unanimously condemned it every time Cuba presents a report on its effects. Instead, the United States strengthens the blockade with complete disrespect for the rest of the world.

Last week Cuba's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, presented before the press and the diplomatic corps the report on the impact of the unilateral policy, particularly between August 2021 and February 2022.

According to the document, in that period the blockade caused Cuba losses of three thousand 806.5 million dollars, a figure 49 percent higher than that reported in the period January-July 2021.

The foreign minister denounced the aggressive measures put into practice during the administration of Donald Trump, most of which remain in force during the mandate of Joseph Biden, as a continuation of the policy of maximum pressure against the Antillean nation.

Under a true economic war, said Rodríguez Parrilla, the U.S. government has unleashed a pernicious media-communication campaign that resorts to lies, slander, and manipulation of data and images, to destabilize Cuba.

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On November 2 and 3, the Antillean nation will present for the thirtieth time before the United Nations General Assembly the resolution on the need to put an end to the U.S. blockade.

With a total of 184 votes in favor, in June 2021 the Assembly endorsed the previous Cuban resolution, which since 1992 has received the majority support of the international community.

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