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ACTION: 60 years too long - Ask President Biden to end the US blockade



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Dear Friend,

This week marks an unhappy anniversary that we worked hard to avoid reaching.

Sixty years ago, on 3 February 1962, President Kennedy authorised the full blockade of Cuba by signing presidential ‘Proclamation 3447 – Embargo on All Trade with Cuba.’ Four days later on 7 February it became law.

For six decades successive US administrations have waged economic warfare against the island, intending to inflict maximum suffering on the Cuban people and starve them into submission and revolt. This was the explicitly-stated goal of the policy as set out in a 1960 State Department memorandum which calculated that by “denying money and supplies to Cuba,” the US could “bring about hunger, desperation and overthrow of government.”

The US blockade causes pain and suffering to the most vulnerable in Cuban society. It is an archaic and immoral relic of the Cold War, condemned every year by an overwhelming vote at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and it needs to end now.

In June 2021, Oxfam joined US NGOs to blast the policy which they said “did nothing to help the Cuban people” and that “seeking to provoke hunger, especially during a global pandemic, is unjust and immoral.” They called the Biden administration’s decision to defend its position at the UNGA vote “a shameful embarrassment.”

With the stroke of a pen, President Biden could reverse all of Trump’s measures, reopen negotiations with the Cuban government, and start working towards normalising relations and ending the blockade. Please join us in asking him to do this today.

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