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## Only Israel supports the US blockade of Cuba



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*The resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations against the genocidal blockade that the United States has maintained for more than 60 years against Cuba added 185 votes, the opposition of the United States and its unconditional ally Israel, while Brazil and Ukraine abstained.*

The resolution will be added to the 29 adopted each year since 1992, when this type of voting began, interrupted only in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The draft resolution: "Necessity of ending the economic embargo, commercial and financial imposed by the United States on Cuba" received this Thursday 185 votes in favor. The vote, repeated for 30 years, is a global public demonstration against the blockade imposed by the United States on 1962 to pressure a change of political and social system on the island, measure which, obviously, has not achieved its objective.

In the report to the General Assembly, Cuba points out that, at current prices, the damage accumulated over six decades of This policy amounts to about 150 thousand 411 million

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dollars – of them, 3,806 million between August 2021 and February 2022 alone, with great impact on vital sectors such as health and education, beyond the economy and Quality of life.

In recent years, the United States has justified its embargo on Cuba in two years. topics: alleged human rights violations and support for the Havana to the constitutional government of Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela.

"Thirty years have passed since the General Assembly began demand, every year, the cessation of this policy, which is typified as an act of genocide and that has the effect of a permanent pandemic, of a hurricane constant and receives a universal rejection, "said the Minister of Relations. Foreign Affairs of Cuba, Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla.

In the first resolution of 1992 only 59 countries voted in favour, but now almost all UN members support it, with the exception of the United States. Israel, which is usually the only one voting against.

In 2016 alone, Washington abstained. And that's as a consequence of politics of rapprochement of the administration of Democratic President Barak Obama, which He re-established relations with the Cuban regime in 2015.

But the U.S. opening with the island was short-lived. With the confrontation with Cuba as part of U.S. domestic policy, during his tenure, Republican Donald Trump introduced nearly 250 new sanctions and declared to the country sponsor of terrorism.

After the devastating passage of Hurricane Ian over the island, on 19 In October, the government of Cuba asked current President Joe Biden to lift the sanctions that are the responsibility of the President, since the rest only Congress can suspend them. Cuba is going through its worst economic crisis in Three decades of food, medicine and fuel shortages as they face Daily blackouts.

Biden to break the genocidal blockade of Cuba may not do well in its domestic political campaign, in the face of the next legislative elections, but history will certainly recognize *it*.

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