
Conference on Disarmament

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Note verbale dated 23 February 2026 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Switzerland*

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland has the honor to request that the letter No.: 245 /2025, dated February 2, 2026, submitted by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cuba. HE Rodolfo Benitez Verson to the President of the Conference on Disarmament, been issued as official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

Attached is the original letter in Spanish, English and French.

* The present report was submitted to the conference services for processing after the deadline for technical reasons beyond the control of the submitting office.



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Cordial greetings. I reiterate my best wishes for success in your mandate and assure you that you can always count on Cuba's support.

I am writing to you to convey our strongest condemnation of the new escalation by the United States government against Cuba, in its efforts to impose a total siege on fuel supplies to our country.

The recent executive order issued by the US President, announced on January 29, 2026, declares an alleged national emergency by virtue of which his government could apply trade tariffs to the imports of products from countries that supply oil to Cuba.

In order to justify such an extreme action, the text of the aforementioned order includes a long list of lies and defamatory allegations against Cuba. Particular among these is the absurd assertion that Cuba constitutes "an unusual and extraordinary threat" to the national security of the United States.

The US President himself and his government are well aware that no one, or very few people, would believe such mendacious arguments, but they do not care. Such is their disdain for the truth, public opinion or government ethics when it comes to endorsing their attack on Cuba.

Our country does not host any foreign military or intelligence bases and rejects the characterization that it poses a threat to the security of the United States. It has also not supported any hostile activity against that country, nor will it allow our territory to be used against any other nation.

Cuba categorically declares that it does not harbor, support, finance, or permit terrorist or extremist organizations. Our country maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward terrorist financing and money laundering, and is committed to preventing, detecting, and combating illicit financial activities, in accordance with international standards.

With this decision, the United States government, through blackmail, threats, and direct coercion of third countries, is attempting to impose additional pressure on the economic suffocation measures against Cuba's. It consolidates a dangerous way of conducting US foreign policy by force and exercising its ambitions to guarantee its hegemony.

The executive order against Cuba is a flagrant violation of International Law and also attempts against the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace. It ratifies that it is the government of that country the one that attempts against security, stability and peace in the region and the world.

As the whole world knows, including the US government itself, Cuba does not constitute any threat whatsoever to the United States, its national interests or the wellbeing of the citizens of that country who, moreover, have always been treated with respect and hospitality whenever their government have allowed them to visit the Island.

Cuba does not threaten or attack any country. It is a peace-loving, fraternal and cooperative country, ready to help and support other States.

It is also the country of a brave and combatant people. The US government makes a mistake when it is confident that, through economic pressure and the efforts to cause hardships to millions of persons, it will succeed in bending the Cuban people's determination to defend national sovereignty and prevent the country from falling, once again, under the US domination.

We will face this new onslaught with firmness and equanimity, convinced that reason is absolutely on our side.

The international community is now faced with the inescapable challenge to determine whether a crime of such nature could be the sign of what is yet to come, or if good sense, solidarity and the rejection of aggression, impunity and abuse shall prevail.

No one is safe from the expansionist ambitions of the government of the United States. Acts of this nature and gravity against UN Member States cannot go unpunished. The international community cannot remain silent.

In this context, Madam President, I respectfully request that you circulate this letter to the Member States and Observers of the Conference on Disarmament.

I take this opportunity, Excellency, to renew the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) Rodolfo Benítez **Verson**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
