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SUBJECT: GENOCIDAL SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE USA ON THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA

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The Sam Nujoma Foundation expresses its profound concern over the escalating, silent, and genocidal sanctions imposed by the United States on the Republic of Cuba. These coercive measures undermine Cuba's sovereignty and pose an existential threat to the nation's survival.

This year's intensified oil blockade compounds a 68-year-long embargo, initiated in 1962, that has systematically weakened our longstanding ally. This cannot and should not be normalized by any standard. In light of this worsening situation, we feel compelled to voice our dissatisfaction and call upon all peace-loving nations to condemn these actions and hold the United States accountable. Those with power should be reminded that they should exercise it with a sense of responsibility.

Cuba is currently facing a man-made humanitarian crisis. Reports indicate an imminent energy emergency driven by Washington's punitive strategies against the socialist nation. The newly announced tariff framework targeting Cuban oil suppliers, combined with a national emergency declaration, constitutes a direct assault on Cuba with far-reaching implications for trade, diplomacy, and regional stability.

The situation has deteriorated further following the cessation of Venezuelan oil shipments to Cuba, after U.S. forces violently and illegally abducted President Nicolás Maduro during a brutal raid earlier this January. As a result, Cuba is under unprecedented strain. UN Secretary-General António Guterres has warned of a potential humanitarian collapse if Cuba's energy needs remain unmet.

The suffocating measures have already begun crippling the Cuban economy:

- Power plants are struggling to operate
- Workweeks have been shortened
- Universities have closed
- School hours have been drastically reduced
- Airlines have cancelled flights, severely damaging tourism—one of Cuba's key economic lifelines

This is a crisis we cannot observe in silence.

The embargo can no longer be described as “sovereign” or “bilateral.” Companies and nations engaging in legitimate trade with Cuba face punitive fines and exclusion from global financial systems due to American dominance and disregard for multilateral agreements endorsed by the UN Security Council.

This is not an abstract policy debate. Hospitals are running out of fuel, medical supplies are delayed, and ordinary citizens bear the daily burden of these inhumane measures.

We therefore call for accountability, justice, and fairness. We demand equal treatment among nations. Inaction in the face of such aggression sets a dangerous precedent for the entire international community. Justice delayed is justice denied and justice cannot wait.

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