



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Second Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Second Committee

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1 *Drawing attention to* the continual economic, commercial and financial embargo unilaterally
2 imposed on the Republic of Cuba by one powerful developed nation,

3 *Deeply concerned with* the devastating economic consequences of this unilateral decision on
4 the Republic of Cuba's economy, including but not limited to a total accrual of material losses esti-
5 mated to be in the trillions,

6 *Noting with alarm* the vast humanitarian consequences of this unjust interference in the Re-
7 public of Cuba's commercial affairs, including one notable period from 2020 to 2021 where sanctions
8 prevented European manufacturers from exporting ventilators to Cuba, caused repeated shipment
9 delays, impeded the import of other vital medical technologies including medication and laboratory
10 equipment and harmed Cuba's right to purchase direly needed agricultural products,

11 *Drawing attention to* the harmful impact of the embargo and the economic damages stemming
12 from it on the Republic of Cuba's timely progress towards achieving Member State's shared Sustainable
13 Development Goals,

14 *Recalling* the commitments made by Member States in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable De-
15 velopment to combat global inequalities, forage global partnerships and work towards achieving our
16 shared set of Sustainable Development Goals in a timely manner,

17 *Reaffirming* the sovereign equality of Member States, and the necessity for them to act in ac-
18 cordance with the principles enshrined in the founding Charter of the United Nations, particularly those
19 of self-determination and international cooperation,

20 1. *Encourages* Member States to denounce the economic and commercial embargo placed
21 upon the Republic of Cuba by the all states for violating international law and obstructing sustainable
22 development within Cuba;

23 2. *Calls for* all states to unconditionally and immediately lift all unilateral coercive economic
24 measures against the Republic of Cuba, including restrictions on free trade, humanitarian aid, travel,
25 and banking so as to allow Cuba's normal development;

26 3. *Demands* that Member States refrain from enforcing the extraterritorial provisions under the
27 Helms-Burton Act in accordance with the obligations under international law;

28 4. *Encourages* Member States to further expand humanitarian aid to Cuba, specifically with
29 regard to medical technology, logistical services, and food production and machinery;

30 5. *Requests* that the United Nations Development Programme publish an annual report on the
31 various humanitarian, developmental and economic impacts of unilateral and extraterritorial sanc-
32 tions on developing economies;

33 6. *Further encourages* international financial institutions to support the Republic of Cuba's de-
34 velopment programs, highlighting the impact of current sanctions which impede the nation's access
35 to financing and credit;

36 7. *Requests* that ports and shipping registries cease to comply with the unilateral restrictions
37 on Cuba in order to facilitate food and medical deliveries;

38 8. *Further requests* that Member States once again recognize the historically coercive nature of
39 unilateralism and its role in maintaining an unequal international economic order wherein developing
40 states are subject to exploitative economic, financial and commercial measures at the expense of their
41 prosperity;

42 9. *Highlights* the need to continually address this issue before the General Assembly until the
43 end of the embargo on the Republic of Cuba.

Passed, Yes: 20 / No: 14 / Abstain: 21