



VIA EMAIL

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The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada

The Honourable Anita Anand
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Re: Canada's position on the upcoming UN vote on the U.S. embargo against Cuba

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Anand,

On behalf of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC), representing 245,000 workers, I urge your government to vote in favour of the upcoming United Nations General Assembly resolution calling for an end to the U.S. embargo against Cuba.

For 33 consecutive years, Canada has supported this resolution, a reflection of our commitment to an independent foreign policy, national sovereignty and international law. Given this, we were concerned by Canada's decision, earlier this year, to abstain from a UN vote authorizing additional discussions about the embargo.

The U.S. sanctions regime has imposed severe hardships on Cubans for more than sixty years. And now, the new energy blockade has worsened the humanitarian crisis, contributing to shortages of food and medicine, as well as disruptions to critical services such as water and electricity.

As UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk reported in June: "Children are dying because doctors lack access to essential medical supplies and medicines. These sanctions must be lifted immediately."

PSAC and the broader Canadian labour movement have a proud history of solidarity with the Cuban people and their trade unions. We strongly support workers' rights and human rights in Cuba, as everywhere. But these rights cannot be secured and advanced through economic coercion that deprives Cubans of their basic needs.

We call on your government to **vote in favour of the upcoming UN resolution**, continue supporting Cuba through the ongoing humanitarian crisis, and uphold the Cuban people's right to dignity and sovereignty.

Sincerely,



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National President

Public Service Alliance of Canada