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SMG Calls For Removal Of Cuba From USA List Of States Sponsoring Terrorism

The Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) strongly condemns the continuous inclusion of the Republic of Cuba in the United States list of states allegedly sponsoring terrorism. This demand echoes the voices of countless nations, political organisations, and individuals who recognise such a designation as unjust and unfounded. We stand unwaveringly with the Cuban people and call for the immediate and unconditional removal of Cuba from this list.

On the 15th of May, 2024, the U.S. Secretary of State presented a detailed report to Congress, highlighting countries purportedly non-compliant with U.S. anti-terrorist efforts during the 2023 calendar year. Despite Cuba not being listed in this recent report, the U.S. State Department continues to label it as a state sponsor of terrorism. This unilateral and unfounded classification only serves the purpose of justifying the imposition of coercive economic sanctions against Cuba, which has been in place for over 60 years, one of the longest-standing trade embargoes in modern history.

The sanctions imposed on Cuba have caused immense harm to its economy and people, a fact well-known to the U.S. government and its intelligence agencies. Cuba has been a victim of terrorism, including state terrorism, and not a perpetrator. The ongoing sanctions and the unjust listing have severe repercussions on Cuba's international relations and economic stability. Despite these difficulties, Cuba has remained resolute and consistently demonstrated its commitment to international cooperation, including robust anti-terrorism efforts with the global community and continuous support to numerous communities in health care and education.

We stand with the Cuban people, numerous political, social, and religious organisations, and the 187 countries that voted in the latest United Nations General Assembly in favour of a resolution to end the blockade. The UN vote reflects the global opposition to the longstanding economic, commercial, and financial embargo imposed by the U.S. on Cuba.

The Socialist Movement of Ghana calls for the removal of the Republic of Cuba from the list of states allegedly sponsoring terrorism. The President of the United States has the authority and responsibility to correct this wrong and act in the pursuit of fairness and truth. We urge the international community to persist in backing and promoting the rights and sovereignty of the Cuban people.

In Solidarity

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