

Mr President. Time to lift the US embargo against Cuba

Dear Mr President, we are a group of Swedish citizens that turn to you to get your support to lift the trade embargo against Cuba, imposed by the US more than 60 years ago. It has damaged the economy of this small country resulting in a sustained, imposed poverty for its 10 million inhabitants. Lately, it has experienced periods of famine and lack of power supply for daily activities. The country is bent but not broken.'

Despite the economic harm the embargo causes the country, its citizens have a longer life expectancy, a lower child mortality and less illiteracy than in the US. Equally, despite shortness of equipment its scientists have managed to develop new effective vaccines against e.g. Dengue fever, ready to be used in the endemic areas of the Americas. In medical crisis situations and during natural disasters in neighbouring as well as distant countries it offers help and expertise despite its strangled situation. All this is truly admirable under the conditions it is locked in but better late than never, now it is time for its people to enjoy some increased prosperity by lifting the embargo, an action supported by an absolute majority of countries in the UN.

As a “Lame Duck” you have as an outgoing President a unique possibility to make humanitarian decisions long awaited for by the International Community and, we assume, in this case a large part of the American people. This is all the more urgent as you will be succeeded by a – according to us – a very dangerous “Donald Duck” President who is unlikely to take any initiative in this direction.

So please MR President hear us and lift the US initiated, 60 years long strangulation of the Cuban people.

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