



Cuba says, “STOP THE GENOCIDE IN GAZA”

A media campaign of lies and suppression is an important part of Washington’s 62-year economic and political blockade of Cuba. The blockade has been condemned by the overwhelming majority of the UN General Assembly 31 times. Most recently the vote was 187-2. The only country to vote with Washington was Israel! The Miami Coalition to End the U.S. Blockade of Cuba believes that Cuba’s steadfast solidarity with the Palestinian people is one part of why Washington doesn’t want people to know and think about Cuba.

Havana – Thousands led by Cuba’s president march in Havana in solidarity with Palestinian people

Presentation of the Republic of Cuba to the International Court of Justice

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Our delegation appears before this solemn sitting as an expression of Cuba’s genuine interest in and commitment to peace and based on its historical and unconditional solidarity with the peoples that are subject to colonialism and foreign domination.

The Palestinian people, its girls, boys, women and civilian population as a whole, continue to be massacred due to the illegal use of force by Israel, the Occupying Power.

All this takes place with the complicity of countries such as the United States of America, responsible under international law for genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the Apartheid regime that determines where people can live,

work and move around depending on their ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Honorable Magistrates, we and you bear the high moral, historical and legal responsibility to pronounce ourselves in a clear, transparent and forceful manner on the ignominious situation of the Palestinian people and to demand international responsibility for what is happening in the occupied territories ...

The United Nations Charter ... recognizes as one of its purposes “*respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples*”, which are systematically and flagrantly denied to the Palestinian people ...

The presence of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, the forced changes to the demography of the Palestinian people through land occupation and forced displacement of people, the construction of the *(continued on reverse)*

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separation wall, the control exercised over their natural resources and the restrictions imposed on their mobility, undermine and deny the ability of Palestinians to exercise their right to self-determination.

Land, sea and air blockades constitute collective punishment and are extreme violations of freedom of movement and the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights...

The genocide against the Palestinian people is not limited to the current stage of the extermination war being waged by Israel. All this with the complicit attitude of the United States of America, which prevents the international community from acting to protect the Palestinian people. The justifications for fighting terrorism and exercising the right to self-defense are deceitful when they are raised by the aggressors themselves ...

Taken as a whole, this institutionalized violence, which makes no distinction between civilians and combatants, is part of a broader policy that also includes, in a systematic and organized manner: massive confiscations of land and property, unlawful killings, extrajudicial executions, torture, administrative detentions, forced transfers, restrictions on movement and the denial of nationality and citizenship to the Palestinian population.

There is also a discriminatory economic and cultural policy aimed at impoverishing the Palestinian population and denying the realization of their fundamental human rights.

The International Court of Justice should make a general assessment of this situation so as to determine the legal implications resulting from it. In this regard, the Republic of Cuba believes that, rather than an obvious apartheid regime situation, prosecuted as a crime against humanity, this is an act of low-intensity genocide that is perpetrated with systematic and effective cruelty. To qualify Israel's actions merely as acts of Apartheid would leave out the implicit intention to exterminate the Palestinian people, either in part or as an ethnic and religious group to whom the right to self-determination is denied.

In case there was any doubt about the arguments that Cuba presented to the Court in its Brief a few months ago, the current situation, that is taking place in the eyes of all, confirms the ongoing genocide.

Innocent victims, girls, boys, women, civilians in general, number in the thousands.

For the Genocide Convention to apply, the life of one single victim, or the incitement, attempt or conspiracy to commit such acts would be enough.

The Convention against Genocide also punishes the accomplices and instigators; those who veto decisions and prevent the international community and the United Nations from taking action; those who oppose an immediate ceasefire and the delivery of humanitarian aid; those who, for years, have supported each and every one of the policies and practices of Israel, the Occupying Power, which deny the existence of the Palestinian people and their rights. This agenda, to a large extent, has advanced unabatedly in the course of time.

We are convinced that this Court should not wait for the complete extermination of an entire nation before ruling on the matter. That was the intention United Nations' General Assembly in requesting the Advisory Opinion.

The terrible situation currently facing the Palestinian people is a reminder of the urgency of a clear and consistent statement on the questions submitted to the consideration of the Court ...

In all these years, the United States of America has systematically and consistently overused its veto to prevent any effective action by the Security Council and to ensure impunity for the Occupying Power, Israel, despite the statements of the United Nations General Assembly.

The International Court of Justice should emphasize the scope of Article 2.5 of the United Nations Charter, which states that all members "*shall refrain from giving assistance to any State against which the United Nations is taking preventive or enforcement action.*"...

The international community requires a pronouncement that makes it clear to those responsible that today they may use their force against the innocent civilians, but this force will not be enough to spare them from justice.

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