

Plymouth, Mass.: 2023 National Day of Mourning, Nov. 23

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Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 12 PM - 3:30 PM EST

2023 National Day of Mourning

Cole's Hill, Plymouth, MA (hill above Plymouth Rock)

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ORIENTATION FOR 54th NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING 11.23.23

WHAT IS NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING?

An annual tradition since 1970, National Day of Mourning is a solemn, spiritual and highly political day. Many of us fast from sundown the day before through the afternoon of that day (and have a social after NDOM so that participants in NDOM can break their fasts). We are mourning our ancestors and the genocide of our peoples and the theft of our lands. NDOM is a day when we mourn, but we also feel our strength in action and solidarity.

WHEN AND WHERE IS DAY OF MOURNING?

Thursday, November 23, 2023 (U.S. “thanksgiving” day) at Cole’s Hill, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 12 noon SHARP. Cole’s Hill is the hill above Plymouth Rock in the Plymouth historic waterfront area.

WILL THERE BE A MARCH?

Yes, there will be a march through the historic district of Plymouth. Plymouth agreed, as part of the settlement of 10/19/98, that UAINE may march on National Day of Mourning without the need for a permit as long as we give the town advance notice.

PROGRAM: Although we very much welcome our non-Native supporters to stand with us, it is a day when only Indigenous people speak about our history and the struggles that are taking place throughout the Americas. Speakers are by invitation only. This year’s NDOM will be livestreamed from Plymouth.

-Note that NDOM is not a commercial event, so we ask that people do not sell merchandise or distribute leaflets at the outdoor program. We will have UAINE t-shirts available for sale following the march.

-We also ask that you do not eat (unless you must do so for medical reasons) at the outdoor speak-out and march out of respect for the participants who are fasting.

-Dress for the weather!

SOCIAL: There will be box lunches available, but we will not have a full sit-down social due to COVID concerns.

TRANSPORTATION: If you cannot get to Plymouth, you can watch our livestream! We will also post information about buses from NY, CT and elsewhere if applicable at the UAINE facebook event.

ELDERS/DISABLED PEOPLE: We have some chairs available for any Elders and others who need to sit during the initial rally on Cole’s Hill. We also will have ASL interpreters on-stage.

DONATIONS: Donations are gratefully accepted to help defray the costs of the day and of UAINÉ's many other efforts during the year: information TBA.

FOR UPDATES: Please join and check out the UAINÉ facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UAINÉ> for updates on National Day of Mourning this year. Our website uaine.org will be updated, but not as quickly or frequently.

Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/NDOM2023>

Twitter & Insta: @mahtowin1

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COVID-19 has hit Indigenous communities very hard, and we want to ensure that no one gets sick from attending National Day of Mourning. Please wear a mask!



Cuban President Díaz-Canel joins Cuba solidarity rally in New York

street

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New York, Sept. 22 — Amidst cheers for Cuba, down with the blockade and other slogans, a demonstration of support for the island was taking place at the corner of Lexington Avenue and 38th Street by the Cuban Mission in New York this evening when at that moment, the cheers multiplied as Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel crossed the street to join them.

The president was on his way to a meeting there but took the opportunity, in a memorable moment of joy and solidarity, to chant with them, “Cuba si Bloqueo no!” and to express, “thank you all for being with us.”

The Cuban president has had an intense agenda since he arrived in this city last Sunday at the head of the delegation that attended the High-Level Segment of the 78th regular session of the UN General Assembly.

Source: [Prensa Latina](#) translation [Resumen Latinoamericano - English](#)



To see the exchange go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/VJxpfez9jtU>



UAW workers expand strike, call for support against billionaire CEOs

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Sept. 22 — At 10 a.m., the United Auto Workers announced a major expansion of the current stand-up strike to 38 parts and distribution sites across 20 states at General Motors and Stellantis. Both companies have remained recalcitrant.

UAW President Shawn Fain announced that the union made some progress with Ford, including eliminating wage tiers, reinstating cost-of-living adjustments, improved profit-sharing, conversion of temporary workers, and the right to strike in the advent of plant closures. There are still significant gaps on key issues with Ford, and in the end, all of the issues are interconnected. Strikes at Wayne, Michigan (Ford), Wentzville, Missouri (GM), and Toledo, Ohio (Stellantis) will continue.

In the morning [livestream](#), UAW President Shawn Fain called on everyone to join the picket line, including all UAW members and family members, the community, and workers at large. Fain also urged President Biden to join the line. International support has been pouring in from Mexico, South Africa, Malaysia, and Italy, where Stelantis workers are on strike.

This will add 5,600 workers to the 13,000 who are already striking.

The staff at Struggle-La Lucha and the Socialist Unity Party urges our readers, members, and friends to join the picket lines in their respective areas.



President of Honduras Xiomara Castro at UN General Assembly (Speech)

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Today marks one year since my appearance before this assembly, serving as the first female president of the Republic of Honduras, which emerged from the resistance in the streets, fighting against the coup d'état, which overthrew Manuel Zelaya Rosales, elected democratic president.

The progress and results of my government have already been recognized by the international community and financial organizations: greater economic growth, the rescue of public finances with the cancellation of corrupt trusts, a single cash fund, fiscal discipline, the timely payment of the onerous debt and the decrease in inflation and decrease in country risk.

Together with Congress, we cancel the Secrets Law, an instrument of corruption of

the previous regime. We cancel the ZEDE Law that divided the territory into 17 pieces to hand it over to 25 economic groups.

In terms of security, we have already achieved a significant reduction in extortion, homicides and violence with the “solution against crime” program and the intervention of penal centers and the state of emergency.

Likewise, it is important to highlight for the record, my gratuitous detractors, the increase ordered in the budget of the social sectors for poverty reduction, education and health: School snacks for all boys and girls in primary schools. Maybe we return to the historic program of free tuition, fuel subsidies and free energy for the poorest, and massive bonuses for agricultural production, repair of 12 thousand abandoned schools, productive roads in all the municipalities of Honduras, repair of the network road, and the construction process of eight new hospitals.

In 2022, I informed the international community that the previous president of Honduras was accused by the United States of conspiring and organizing the trafficking of thousands of tons of drugs for more than a decade, leading a criminal organization that included different low-profile figures. world, state authorities such as mayors, ministers, deputies, generals and police chiefs. Some already convicted.

These assailants who kidnapped the State today conspire against my government, organized in an alliance of corrupt politicians and supposed civil society, with the aim of stopping the proposals for structural changes that the people ordered me at the polls. They are the same people who murdered Morazán and today oppose the approval of the Tax Justice Law, boycott the election of the new attorney general to perpetuate the impunity to which they are accustomed and hinder the arrival of the international commission to combat corruption and impunity, CICIH.

President [@xiomaracastro](#): "We cannot speak of a civilized world when we live exposed to being embargoed and having our reserves frozen in foreign banks.."

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It is impossible to understand the magnitude of the tragedy suffered by the majority of the Honduran people and the constant caravans of emigrants that arrive in the United States, if we deny the thirteen years of dictatorship supervised by the international community, which multiplied the public debt six times, and reached the highest poverty rate in the history of Honduras, 74%.

The Honduran people in their noble aspiration for justice have given me a forceful mandate; combat and dismantle the drug state and the public-private corruption that looted and destroyed the institutions, adulterated the popular will with electoral fraud and imposed state terrorism with death squads.

Popular support has been demonstrated with the recent mobilizations of popular resistance at the national level with hundreds of thousands of grateful men and women, who have expressed their support for our fight for the return to the rule of law and restore dignity to the Honduran people and to the presidency of the Republic.

This Monday, September 18, upon my arrival in New York, after my participation in the G77+China Summit in Havana, Cuba, fulfilling the commitment signed in my government plan and in accordance with the memorandum of understanding signed with the UN in 2022: I have delivered to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the official proposal for a Convention for the establishment of the International Commission Against Corruption and Impunity for Honduras, CICIH, impartial, autonomous and independent with the capacity to investigate and prosecute cases of high-impact corruption networks and financial crimes. The only way to purify a State where public institutions, pirates of the political class and

public-private associations have been infiltrated by organized crime.

Next year I will assume the Pro-tempore Presidency of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the Central American Integration System (SICA). This includes the entire Great Homeland, the one dreamed of by the liberators and those of us who fight for the unity of South America, the Caribbean, Central America and Mexico.

Today we have the responsibility to open spaces for dialogue between us, to formulate proposals that resolve the challenges facing our region. Not only are we one of the most unequal and poor regions, but we also have low economic growth and technological lag to face the threats to which we are subjected. Only by supporting each other will we be able to move forward. We must not forget our brothers and sisters in Haiti. The humanitarian crisis of an oppressed and revolutionary nation deserves our support and solidarity.

At the recent Third Summit of the European Union and CELAC, held last July, I clearly expressed Honduras' points of view on international issues that, as I have stated here, require an urgent solution.

And as for SICA, Central America, it is timely to express the importance of promoting the integration process, which has had a languid development in the last 30 years, so we must express true political will that allows us to advance the union. customs, social and environmental policies and the safe transit of people and their goods.

Today, major economic interests confront each other in the war in Ukraine; in the end, those most affected are the poorest countries and people in the world, devastated by inflation, shortages and high fuel prices.

The military industrial complex consumes the majority of the budgets of developed

countries with trillions and trillions of dollars, but it contrasts with the indifference and inability to contribute to humanity and the defense of nature. The world of Bretton Woods is hitting rock bottom, now we have to recognize that under the current pace we are not achieving the objectives of sustainable development and financing for climate adaptation. It is not about taking measures, but about proposing changes to the economic system that require a deep commitment to humanity and nature.

There is no such invisible hand, there is no spillover, practice teaches us that the application of global capitalism and the neoliberal model only generates misery and inequality and an insane individualism of consumer societies in the face of great deprivation of billions of human beings.

At the UN, President of Honduras Xiomara Castro reiterates her call for the release of Julian Assange. [@XiomaraCastroZ](https://twitter.com/XiomaraCastroZ) pic.twitter.com/WX1DwWKrAK

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Excellencies:

The war in Ukraine must come to an end, all of humanity is obliged to find a way to achieve peace, we cannot live with the permanent threat of a conflagration that puts an end to our planet.

It is important to end the practice of sanctions, piracy, and confiscation of assets of one nation against another. We cannot speak of a civilized world when we live exposed to being embargoed and having our reserves frozen in foreign banks, as is currently happening. to Venezuela, whose assets were confiscated, violating all the norms of international law.

This United Nations Assembly annually demands the end of the blockade against Cuba, for being an arbitrary, obsolete measure contrary to international law, which violates the principle of respect for the self-determination of peoples and condemns a noble people to sacrifice that Despite the limitations imposed on it, it continues to contribute solidarity actions to the world.

We condemn the long and cruel blockade against Cuba and Venezuela, likewise, we demand the removal of Cuba from the list of countries classified as terrorists, for being a manipulated, false and capricious measure, the unjust measures and sanctions against Nicaragua must also be eliminated , because they are barriers that prevent us from normalizing our relations with our sister country.

I believe in a multipolar world, where exchange and cooperation for development is based on the principles of independence, sovereignty and non-interference, based on these principles a couple of months ago I officially opened relations with the People's Republic of China, as we do rapprochement with financial organizations and innovative initiatives, for us such as the Andean Development Corporation, CAF, of which we are already a member, and the New BRICS Development Bank.

I want to reiterate, just as I did at the CELAC European Union Summit, the vehement call for the freedom of Julián Assange, faithful defender of free expression, a sacred principle that we must all defend.

In defense of the native peoples who fight for the land and the rivers, I feel proud as a woman to convey the message of our companion and martyr Berta Cáceres.

“Wake up humanity, there is no more time.”

Thank you so much.

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Yet another embarrassing episode for ‘the best fighter jet ever made’

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On September 17, an F-35B STOVL (short take-off, vertical landing) fighter jet operated by the United States Marine Corps (U.S.MC) was involved in what was ever so euphemistically called a “mishap” after taking off from Air Station Beaufort in North Charleston, South Carolina. The U.S.MC was unable to locate the aircraft so it asked the public for help, [unleashing a torrent of ridicule and memes not just in the U.S. but also around the world](#). The pilot ejected, but the jet continued flying in a rather frantic flight path, eventually [crashing approximately 130 km from where the ejection took place](#). The cause of the crash is still being investigated, but the pattern suggests that it might have been the unresolved software issues that have resulted in several similar crashes in the past.

Last year alone, at least four F-35s crashed, [including two in January](#), in a [time span of just three weeks](#), while another [two were lost in October](#) and [December, respectively](#). Of well over a dozen crashes and various incidents, the majority have been the F-35B variant, the most complex of the existing three, with the rest being

the F-35A (developed for the U.S. Air Force) and at least one F-35C (developed for the U.S. Navy). The main reason why the latter hasn't had as many incidents is probably because it was inducted into service only in 2019, years after the other two officially became part of the U.S. military. The aircraft is infamous for at least 800 flaws, particularly within its software systems and subsystems, often resulting in unresponsive flight controls.

The F-35's core design has been controversial since its very inception, as the jet sacrificed robustness for (over)focus on sensors and computing power. Its supersensitive systems and subsystems simply cannot withstand even basic flight conditions, while the most mundane changes in weather ([anything from a drizzle to a regular thunderstorm](#)) have been an almost insurmountable obstacle for the F-35. The systems often register incorrect flight data and stop responding to attempts at manual control, forcing pilots to abort their flight missions or eject in the worst of cases. The F-35's complexity is still drawing criticism from all sides, be it society or the U.S. military itself, as the jet has been fraught with neverending delays and cost overruns.

"At present I am pressing the wrong part of the screen about 20% of the time in flight due to either mis-identification, or more commonly by my finger getting jostled around in turbulence or under G [force]. One of the biggest drawbacks is that you can't brace your hand against anything whilst typing — think how much easier it is to type on a smartphone with your thumbs versus trying to stab at a virtual keyboard on a large tablet with just your index finger," [an F-35 pilot interviewed by Hush-Kit aviation magazine stated a few years back](#).

While it's important to integrate high-tech features into a jet, doing so at the expense of reliability and the usage of proven technologies is almost always detrimental to overall performance. The F-35's flight capabilities illustrate this perfectly, as it's both slower and less maneuverable than most jets it's supposed to

replace. This has resulted in delays to the retirement of several old aircraft types that the U.S. military is forced to keep in service, either because it has no new equivalents to replace them with or simply because the affected services have refused to retire the aircraft, [as their performance for certain mission types greatly exceeds that of the F-35](#). Perhaps [the most notable example of this is the A-10](#), the most prominent CAS (close air support) aircraft in the U.S. military.

Other older types have also proven to be superior in ease of maintenance, logistics, and battle readiness. [The latter is a particularly alarming issue for NATO and other U.S. vassals and satellite states](#) that are forced to use the F-35. Back in February, [the Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\) revealed](#) that the F-35 fleet not only failed to meet the requirements for improving readiness but has even managed to make them a lot worse than in previous years. Availability rates for both the F-35A and F-35B fell by 11% in 2022, with only the F-35C variant making small improvements in this category. And yet, even this turned out to be overoptimistic as [Lockheed Martin once again resorted to using semantics](#) to make the F-35's performance seem better than it actually is.

[Back in late March, Bloomberg reported](#) that the percentage of F-35s capable of flying any mission at any given moment (otherwise known as full mission-capable rates) was a meager 29%, nearly 10% less than the full mission-capable readiness in 2020, which stood at 39% at the time. Such a drop effectively nullified possible advantages provided by deliveries of new jets. This latest “mishap” is yet another embarrassing episode in a series of crashes and incidents that have been plaguing the jet for close to a decade now. Despite over a hundred scathing reports issued over the years by both military and civilian U.S. officials, the F-35 continues to be a favorite of the infamous U.S. Military Industrial Complex (MIC), as it has been the perfect cash cow, [with projected costs now nearing a staggering \\$2 trillion](#).

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Is Lavrov's claim that the U.S. is at war with Russia 'exaggeration'?

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Since the start of Russia's special military operation (SMO) against NATO's crawling encroachment on its borders, the United States has been adamant that it's "[not a party to the conflict](#)" and that it supposedly "[doesn't want escalation with Moscow](#)." However, time proved both of these statements to be patently false. According to the claims of the Neo-Nazi junta itself, [the U.S. controls the targeting of every long-range weapon deployed by the Kiev regime forces](#). On the other hand, the falsehood of the laughable claim that Washington, D.C., "doesn't want war" is painfully obvious to anyone remotely familiar with its neverending escalation aimed against Russia.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov is certainly aware of all this, although basic diplomatic etiquette prevented him from stating the obvious in the past. And yet, after well over a year and a half of being exposed to the blatant hypocrisy of the

political West, it seems that even the usually reserved Lavrov has stopped holding back, as trying to follow diplomatic protocols when dealing with someone who openly breaks them is simply futile and ultimately self-defeating. Namely, in recent remarks for the press, the [Russian Foreign Minister said that the U.S. is waging war against Russia](#). Strong statement, one might say, but who could possibly refute it given the ongoing events?

Even if we don't count statements made by top-level U.S. officials, including Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin's admission that [Washington DC wants to see a "strategic defeat" inflicted on Russia](#) and President Joe Biden's Freudian slip that "[Putin cannot stay in power](#)," the evidence that supports Lavrov's claim is simply overwhelming, and we're seeing it every single day. He also pointed out the fact that the U.S. is not only transferring enormous amounts of so-called "lethal aid" to the Neo-Nazi junta (worth hundreds of billions at this point), but is actually controlling these weapons through direct decision-making while maintaining plausible deniability.

Lavrov himself also reiterated Austin's admission that this is because the belligerent thalassocracy wants to inflict a "strategic defeat" on Russia. The statements about U.S. belligerence were given while he was speaking on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum on the morning of September 17, where he pointed out that "no matter what it says, it [the U.S.] controls this war, it supplies weapons, munitions, intelligence information, data from satellites, it is pursuing a war against us." Lavrov also stated that Ukraine is simply being used as a springboard to achieve American strategic goals, [as it was being prepared for the ongoing conflict years in advance](#).

"There is a real plot around the topic of the so-called (peace) negotiations, as well as attempts to turn everything upside down through pseudo diplomacy," [he said just two days prior, adding](#): "The West has been saying for months that this 'peace formula' is the only basis for negotiations. It starts from innocent topics ... and then

comes to the purpose for which it was concocted – inflicting a strategic defeat on Russia, to restore the borders of Ukraine as they were in 1991, court-martial the Russian leadership, force Russia to pay reparations, and then ‘mercifully’ agree to sign a peace agreement.”

Lavrov made the said comments on September 15, referring to the abortive Saudi-hosted “peace talks” and added that this pattern of [double standards and hypocrisy is also used when dealing with most other countries](#).

“These are exactly the dirty methods that the West uses not only in relation to Ukraine but in many other areas of global politics,” [he stated](#).

The recent direct endorsement U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken gave for [the Kiev regime’s long-range strikes on targets within Russia](#) is yet another proof of Lavrov’s claims. Namely, during an interview with ABC News on September 10, Blinken stated that it was supposedly “up to Ukraine” whether or not it should target Russia proper with U.S.-made long-range weapons. The idea that the Kiev regime could ever make such a decision on its own is beyond laughable, which means that it’s the belligerent thalassocracy itself that ordered the Neo-Nazi junta to target areas deeper within Russia in order to inflict maximum damage with minimal investment or risk for itself.

Blinken’s statement came only a day after ABC News reported that the U.S. would provide the ATACMS to the Kiev regime. The range of these missiles, while hardly groundbreaking, is enough to jeopardize not only Russian supply lines but also civilian infrastructure hundreds of kilometers behind the frontlines. And yet, this isn’t the only danger Lavrov pointed out thus far, as back in early June, [he warned that nuclear-capable F-16 fighter jets could lead to an uncontrollable escalation](#) that Russia will certainly not tolerate. He stressed that Moscow would be forced to respond militarily, meaning that NATO would also be held directly responsible in that case.

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Los Angeles: Cuba in Africa film showing, Sept. 24

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CUBA IN AFRICA

A documentary by Negash Abdurahman

The dramatic untold story of 420,000 Cubans— soldiers and teachers, doctors and nurses — who GAVE EVERYTHING to end colonial rule and apartheid in Southern Africa.

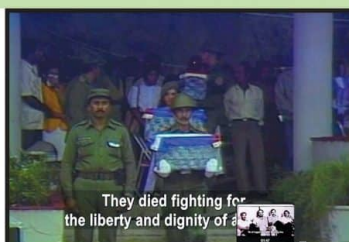
Cuba in Africa is told primarily through the moving stories of Cuban survivors of the Angolan campaign, from soldiers to teachers to medical personnel to government officials. Through almost 100 hours of vivid eye-witness testimonies, combined and rare contextual material unearthed from Cuban film archives, including excerpts from Castro's speeches outlining his "internationalist" foreign policy and Mandela's heartfelt expression of gratitude to Cuba.

Director Negash Abdurahman
will be available via zoom to answer questions and discuss the film.



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Cuba's President Díaz-Canel at United Nations: "A new and fairer global contract is urgently needed"

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Addressing the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez said that "a new and fairer global contract is urgently needed." He spoke on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, an organization of which Cuba holds the pro tempore presidency in 2023.

He referred to the results of the recently held Summit of Heads of State and Government of the G77 and China in Havana, where member countries approved a political declaration advocating changes in the international financial architecture in a way that allows all countries to advance more justly on the path to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda.

The voice of the South, diverse peoples with common problems, has been heard from Havana, said Díaz-Canel, noting that more than 100 representatives of the 134 countries that make up the G77 and China "demanded changes that can no longer be postponed in the unjust, irrational and abusive international economic order, which has deepened year after year the enormous inequalities between a minority of highly developed nations and a majority that fails to overcome the euphemism of developing nations."

"We are not asking for handouts or begging for favors. We are calling for a profound transformation of the current international financial architecture because it is deeply unjust, anachronistic and dysfunctional."

“Cuba is the country that has endured unilateral coercive measures for the longest time.

We were not the first, and we are not the last. The pressures to isolate sovereign states today also affect Venezuela, Nicaragua...”.

He referred to the words of the UN Secretary-General when he stated in Havana that the G77 was founded 60 years ago to remedy centuries of injustice and neglect and that in today’s turbulent world, these nations are entangled in a tangle of world crises, where poverty is increasing, and hunger is growing.

The Group of 77 was united -the Cuban leader said- by the need to change what has not been resolved and the condition of main victims of the current multidimensional global crisis and the current abusive unequal exchange, of the technological scientific gap and the degradation of the environment.

“But we have also been united, for more than half a century, by the inescapable challenge and determination to transform the prevailing international order, which, in addition to being exclusive and irrational, is unsustainable for the planet and unviable for the well-being of all”.

The countries represented in the G77 and China are where 80% of the planet’s population lives, and “not only have we faced the challenge of development, but also the responsibility to modify the structures that marginalize us from global progress and turn many countries of the South into laboratories of renewed forms of domination,” said Díaz-Canel before the plenary of the General Assembly, which is holding its 78th session.

“A new and fairer global contract is urgently needed,” the Cuban president stressed.

He warned that, at the current pace, countries will fail to achieve any of the 17 SDGs, and more than half of the 169 targets agreed in 2015 will be missed. “The

outlook is discouraging,” he said.

“In the midst of the 21st century, it offends the human condition that nearly 800 million people suffer from hunger on a planet that produces enough to feed everyone,” he stressed. “Or that in the age of knowledge and the accelerated development of new information and communications technologies, more than 760 million people, two-thirds of them women, do not know how to read or write.”

He said that “the efforts of developing countries are not enough to implement the 2030 Agenda.

He stressed that these efforts must be backed up by concrete actions in terms of market access, financing with fair and preferential conditions, technology transfer, and North-South cooperation.

“We are not asking for handouts or begging for favors,” said Díaz-Canel, and insisted that the G77 demands rights and will continue to demand a profound transformation of the current international financial architecture “because it is deeply unjust, anachronistic, and dysfunctional.”

Díaz-Canel pointed out that today’s prevailing financial architecture was designed to profit from the reserves of the South, perpetuate a system of domination that increases underdevelopment, and reproduces a model of modern colonialism.

“We need and demand financial institutions in which our countries have real decision-making capacity and access to financing.

“A recapitulation of multilateral and development banks is urgently needed to radically improve their lending conditions and meet the financial needs of the South,” he said.

The G77 countries have had to allocate \$379 billion of their reserves to defend their

currencies by 2022, almost double the amount of new special drawing rights allocated to them by the IMF, he said, and he considered it necessary to rationalize, review and change the role of credit rating agencies.

“It is also imperative to establish criteria that go beyond GDP to define developing countries’ access to concessional financing and appropriate technical cooperation,” he added.

“While the richest countries fail to fulfill their commitment to allocate at least 0.7% of their national GDP to official development aid, the nations of the South have to spend 14% of their income to pay interest associated with foreign debt.”

The Cuban president stressed that the G77 reiterates its call to public, multilateral and private creditors to refinance the debt through credit guarantees, lower interest rates and longer maturities.

“We insist on the implementation of a multilateral mechanism for the renegotiation of sovereign debt, with the effective participation of the countries of the South, which will allow a fair, balanced and development-oriented treatment”.

The president denounced onerous credits and cited that most G77 countries are obliged to allocate more to debt servicing than to investments in health or education. “What sustainable development can be achieved with such a noose around our necks?” he asked, calling on creditors to refinance the debt on terms that do not stifle the progress of nations.

On the effects of climate change on developing nations, Díaz-Canel recalled that they are the main victims, while industrialized countries, “voracious predators of resources and the environment”, evade their responsibilities and fail to fulfill their commitments.

“With a view to COP28, the G77 countries will prioritize the global stocktaking

exercise, the operationalization of the loss and damage fund, the definition of the framework for the adaptation objective and the establishment of a new climate finance target, in full compliance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities,” he said.

He informed that the G77 is convening a summit of leaders from the South, to be held on December 2 in the context of COP28, in Dubai. “It will be a space to articulate the positions of our group at the highest level in the context of climate negotiations.”

He added that for the G77 it is a priority task to change once and for all the paradigms of science, technology and innovation that are limited to the environments and perspectives of the North, depriving the international scientific community of considerable intellectual capital.

“The successful summit in Havana launched an urgent call to integrate science, technology and innovation around the unrenounceable goal of sustainable development (...) We urge richer nations and international organizations to participate in cooperation projects,” he said when commenting on the initiatives presented during the conclave held on September 15 and 16 in the Cuban capital.

The Cuban president also criticized the imposition of unilateral punitive measures, “practices of powerful States to try to subdue sovereign States”.

He also recalled that Cuba is the country that has endured unilateral coercive measures for the longest time.

“I cannot pass through this world platform without denouncing, once again, that for 60 years Cuba has been suffering a suffocating economic blockade, designed to depress its income and standard of living, cause continuous shortages of food, medicines and other basic supplies and restrict its development potential,” said

Díaz-Canel.

He denounced that pressures to isolate and weaken economies also affect nations such as Venezuela and Nicaragua, and that before and after they have been the prelude to invasions and overthrows of uncomfortable governments in the Middle East.

“We reject the unilateral punitive measures imposed on countries such as Zimbabwe, Syria, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and Iran, among many others whose peoples suffer the negative impact of these.”

On the policy of economic coercion and maximum pressure applied by the U.S. government against Cuba, in violation of international law and the UN Charter, he emphasized that “there is not a single measure or action by Cuba to harm the United States, to damage its economic sector, its commercial activity or its social fabric.

“There is no act by Cuba that threatens the independence of the United States or its national security, that undermines its sovereign rights, interferes in its internal affairs or affects the welfare of its people. The U.S. conduct is absolutely unilateral and unjustified”.

He also criticized the internal destabilization plans against Cuba promoted from Washington and Florida, as well as the unjustified inclusion of the country on the list of state sponsors of terrorism.

“Despite the hostility of your government, we will continue to build bridges with the people of the United States, as we do with all the peoples of the world,” he said.

“Cuba will not relent in its efforts to boost the creative potential, influence and leadership of the G77,” he assured while commenting on the country’s intention to present its candidacy to the UN Human Rights Council for an upcoming term. “Our group has much to contribute to multilateralism, stability, justice and rationality that

the world requires today.”

Here is the link to [Diaz Canel’s speech at the UN](#) with simultaneous translation into English:

Source: [Cubadebate](#) translation [Resumen Latinoamericano - English](#)



Let Cuba Live: Take a stand and get Cuba off the SSOT list

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Los Angeles, Sept. 14 — The multinational and multi-generational Let Cuba Live delegation that showed up on the steps of City Hall today was a dynamic and powerful group of activists calling on the L.A. City Council and Mayor Karen Bass to pass a resolution and take a stand against the inclusion of Cuba on the State Sponsors of Terrorism (SSOT) list.

Krishna Daly of Black Alliance for Peace and Let Cuba Live led the delegation to meet with L.A. City Counselor Eunisses Hernandez and deliver letters to other councilors and Mayor Karen Bass. Daly spoke with urgency of the painful and difficult conditions that face the Cuban people and medical community:

“It’s not just that they don’t have aspirin, they can’t do necessary surgery — they don’t have anesthesia and other crucial medical supplies, and they can’t get them because of the SSOT designation.”

Pastor Kelvin Sauls of IFCO/Pastors for Peace & Sanctuary of Hope (SOH) related his history in South Africa. “The U.S. sustained the apartheid system, a system that made the great majority of people feel like pariahs in their homeland. This is the same thing that the U.S. blockade and SSOT designation does to the people of Cuba.”

Nathaniel Peterson, a youth who participated in the SOH trip to Cuba, saw the impact of the U.S. blockade with his own eyes. He and the other youth on the delegation delivered medical and stationery supplies to medical centers and Prensa Latina.

John Parker of the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, Carlos Sirah of Black Alliance for Peace, Dave Clennon, an actor and member of SAG/AFTRA and Interfaith Communities United for Justice & Peace, and Maggie Vascassenno of Women in Struggle completed the delegation. The group visited Mayor Karen Bass’ offices and dispersed with plans for the next round of meetings, applying pressure on the L.A. City Council, Mayor Bass, and the L.A. County Board of Supervisors.



National March to Protect Trans Youth - Oct. 7

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NATIONAL MARCH



To Protect Trans Youth & Speakout for Trans Rights

Orange & Anderson (near City Hall)
Orlando ▶ Florida

SAT OCT 7
12 NOON

Stop Racist Attacks on Our Communities

- ▶ **Reverse DeSantis's bans** on trans healthcare, restroom access, Black & Queer studies
- ▶ **Stop censorship & attacks on civil liberties** of teachers, students & libraries
- ▶ **Hands off Pride!**
- ▶ **Free, legal, accessible abortions**
- ▶ **Demand Biden & Congress enforce civil rights** coast to coast

- ▶ **Expand Medicaid and SNAP**
- ▶ **Stop voter disenfranchisement**
- ▶ **Drop charges on the Tampa 5**

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Partial list of endorsers:

Women in Struggle-Mujeres en Lucha; Queer Youth Assemble; PRISM, South Florida; Chritynne Lili Wrene Wood, 2023 San Diego Champion of Pride; Orlando Come Out with Pride; Center for Constitutional Rights; Equality Florida; Tampa Bay Community Action Committee; Real Name Campaign, NOLA; Pride At Work Eastern Massachusetts; The Queer Notion, Tampa; Transpired Media; Louisiana Women's Rights Action Committee; Red Berets for Queers; United American Indians of New England; Andre Powell, ret. delegate, Baltimore CLC, AFL-CIO*; Baltimore Peoples Power Assembly; Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice, Los Angeles; PFLAG Safety Harbor; Zebra Youth. *for ID only

Sign up at: ProtectTransKidsMarch.org

Get involved!

Add your organization/name

LOCAL CONTACT:



Why a March for Trans Youth in Florida?

In Florida and many other states, new laws are robbing trans youth and adults of gender-affirming healthcare. Pride events are threatened with cancellation, trans people and drag artists are being banned from public life. Teachers are forbidden to talk about LGBTQ+ lives and Black history. Children are forbidden to play sports or use the bathroom. These laws are accompanied by threats and violent acts by organized far-right groups.

We can't wait for the next election. People's lives are on the line now. Activists and organizations in Florida are fighting back, and we want to stand with them. That's why trans activists and allies from across the U.S. are calling for a National March in Florida to Protect Trans Youth and a Speakout for Trans Lives on Saturday, October 7 in Orlando, Florida.

Gov. Ron DeSantis and Florida's state legislature are in the forefront of the attacks on trans lives. DeSantis recently signed laws banning trans people from using public restrooms, authorized kidnapping trans children across state lines, expanded the "Don't Say Gay" law and banned healthcare for all trans people. DeSantis also signed laws targeting abortion rights and immigrants.

These measures are part of a coordinated campaign by the rich taking place in state legislatures around the country and will come in even greater numbers next year unless we take action. Recent Supreme Court rulings against affirmative action, LGBTQ+ equality and abortion rights show that lower court actions are delaying tactics at best. Only the power of the people, mobilized in large numbers, can turn the tide.

How You Can Help

We ask you to join us to organize for October 7 as a first step toward building a new nationwide movement for the defense of civil rights and workers' rights, to stop the advance of fascism and white supremacy.

ENDORSE: [You can give your endorsement to me or fill out the form here.](#)

GET INVOLVED: We hold regular organizing Zoom calls. [Fill out the form here](#) and we'll invite you to the next call.

DONATE / HELP RAISE FUNDS for transportation: Although we expect most attendees to come from the South and the East Coast, there are people across the country who want to attend. Help us organize buses, car caravans or airfare from your area. [Donate here](#) or raise funds by holding a party, concert or other event.

SPREAD THE WORD: Include graphics and info about the Oct. 7 march on your social media, website and newsletter. Invite one of our organizers to speak at an upcoming meeting. [Print out our leaflets and distribute them at protests, events and community spaces.](#) Or create your own!

