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His Excellency Fermín Gabriel Quiñones Sánchez
Ambassador
Embassy of the Republic of Cuba
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Your Excellency,

We forward herewith for your information a certified copy of the Extract from the Minutes of the Honourable House of Representatives, dated the 14th day of September, 2022, regarding a **resolution supporting the removal of the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba**, which was approved.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Valrie A. Curtis CD, BH(M), JP
Clerk to the Houses

Attach.

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

The Honourable Alando Terrelonge, Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, having obtained suspension of the Standing Orders, moved:

WHEREAS this Honourable House has on several occasions approved a motion in support of Cuba's resolution submitted in the United Nations (UN) General Assembly entitled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba";

AND WHEREAS the sixty-year-old policy of economic blockade remains in place, despite the fact that one hundred and eighty-four (184) Member States of the United Nations, including Jamaica, representing the vast majority of the international community, voted last year in favour of the resolution;

AND WHEREAS there are no formal and normal banking relations between Cuba and the United States, with implications for relations with the international banking system;

AND WHEREAS the restrictions on Cuba's international financial transactions, including those with multilateral organisations for cooperation with the island, have intensified with the implementation of the blockade policy;

AND WHEREAS, despite the re-establishment of diplomatic relations in 2015, tourism from the United States to Cuba effectively remains illegal, with limited flights to only the capital city, Havana, and hotels remain off limits under United States restrictions on patronising companies linked to Cuba's military or security services;

AND WHEREAS the United States Government tightened the blockade against Cuba with amendments to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (CACR) to impose increased restrictions on travel, the processing of remittances and hotel accommodation properties in 2019 and 2020;

AND WHEREAS Cuba remains on the United States' list of state sponsors of terrorism, which has grave implications on how third states engage with Cuba on developmental aid, trade, international cooperation on transnational organised crime and technical assistance;

AND WHEREAS it is welcomed that the United States Government has announced plans to remove the limit on family remittances, to authorise remittances to non-family members sent to Cuba, to increase flights to Havana and extend flights to other cities, to allow American groups to visit on educational trips, and to re-launch the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Programme (CFRP);

AND WHEREAS the limited ease of restrictions does not change the existing blockade, which, in its essence and its aims, constitutes an act of unilateral aggression and represents a transgression of the right to peace, development, and security of a sovereign state as well as a permanent threat to the stability of a Member State of the United Nations;

AND WHEREAS the blockade represents a violation of international law and is contrary to the purpose and principles of the United Nations Charter and to the norms governing international trade and freedom of navigation;

AND WHEREAS international humanitarian law prohibits any embargo on raw materials for food and medicine, even in war time, and Cuba continues to be unable to trade even food and medicine with subsidiaries of United States companies in third party countries;

AND WHEREAS the United States has broadened the “Restricted List of Cuban Entities and Sub-Entities” that are the object of additional tax sanctions due to blockade regulations;

AND WHEREAS the continuation of the blockade during the pandemic has worsened the impact of the embargo, in particular with efforts to procure vaccines and material for producing its own vaccines which are the best way to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the economic, commercial and financial blockade constitutes the principal obstacle for the development of the Cuban economy, and hinders the implementation of the country’s National Plan for Economic and Social Development as well as the United Nations’ Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals;

AND WHEREAS Jamaica’s national interests are concerned with the impact of the continuation of the blockade and the extraterritorial application of United States laws regulating transactions between Jamaica and Cuba, directly and indirectly;

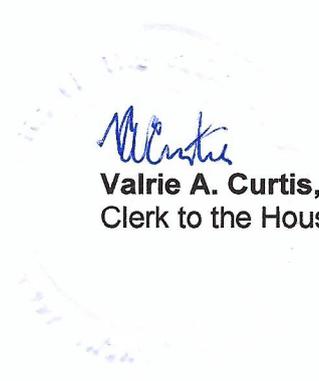
AND WHEREAS governments, committed to the norms of the multilateral trading system, to the freedom of trade and navigation, to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, to international law and to the rejection of extraterritorial application of a national law, voted again on Wednesday, 23rd June 2021 in favour of the resolution at the United Nations General Assembly:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House express itself on the morality, legality and desirability of this decades-old blockade against Cuba, and call for renewed dialogue between the United States and Cuba and for the lifting of the United States embargo against Cuba.

Mr Phillip Paulwell, Dr Angela Brown Burke, Mr Robert Montague, the Honourable Dr Norman Dunn, Mr George Anthony Hylton, Miss Kerensia Morrison, Dr Morais Guy, Mr Morland Wilson and the Honourable Marlene Malahoo Forte also spoke on the motion.

Seconded by: Mr George Anthony Hylton
Agreed to

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES.



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