

1 COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
2 QUESTION OF: ENDING THE US TRADE EMBARGO ON CUBA
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5 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
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8 Fully aware that Cuba has survived over 40 years of sanctions by the United States of America
9 intended to topple the government of Fidel Castro, as well as surviving the collapse of the Soviet
10 Union,

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12 Congratulating the work of the Obama administration in easing relationships between the two
13 countries by lifting certain restrictions and hence allowing some Cuban-Americans to visit relatives
14 and transfer money,
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16 Bearing in mind that the President of the United States of America has chosen to extend the
17 embargo until September 2012,
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19 Stressing that the embargo has effects on the food, clean water, medicine, and other economic
20 needs of the Cuban population,
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22 Encouraged by the law passed by the European Parliament which made it illegal for EU citizens to
23 obey the Helms-Burton act, which is an act that enforces the embargo,
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25 Noting with regret that there exist problems between the two countries that go deeper than the
26 trade embargo, due to the Cuban government's opposition to the lease of the Guantanamo Bay
27 Naval Base, which they believe is invalid under international law;
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30 1. Calls for the formation of the United Nations Reaction Unit Believing In Keeping Safe Cuba's
31 Economy (UNRUBIKSCUBE) that will:
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- 33 a. Aim to have the embargo fully removed within four years,
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- 35 b. Encourage the United States that despite Cuba remaining a socialist state, people
36 are suffering and removing the embargo will directly help to reduce the suffering,
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- 38 c. Provide temporary irrigation and water supply systems, funded by the United
39 Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in the lesser developed areas of Cuba that
40 have suffered from drought,
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- 42 d. Offer direct support programs through the use of education for children living on the
43 streets of Cuba in order to reduce prostitution and corruption;
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45 2. Reminds the United States of America that should they fail to cooperate with the outlined
46 plan and their earlier assurances to end the embargo, other member states may not support
47 future American ventures or conflicts;
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- 49 3. Calls for the European Union to support the removal of the embargo, and to aid global trade
50 to and from Cuba during the process;
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- 52 4. Reminds the United States of America that removing the embargo would allow US
53 companies to partake in the leasing program for blocks of the oil basins discovered in Cuba,
54 which is estimated to be one of the top 20 reserves in the world;
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- 56 5. Strongly urges the United States of America to help the Cuban government develop its own
57 equipment and expertise so that they are able to handle any large oil spills, as if oil spills
58 were to occur, there would be severe damage to densely-populated areas of Cuba and the
59 American state of Florida;
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- 61 6. Suggests that the United States of America be banned from participating in the oil leasing
62 program in Cuba should they not adhere to clause 5, for both economic and environmental
63 reasons;
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- 65 7. Requests an investigation into the work of the development agency USAID, who have been
66 accused of failing to properly administer its program to for promoting democracy in Cuba,
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- 69 a. Monitoring, using the help of UNRUBIKSCUBE, the channelling of money through
70 groups in Miami, to ensure that there are no questionable expenditures,
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- 72 b. Requesting a comprehensive report detailing where money has been and will be
73 spent from 2009 till 2012, as past reports have shown that some groups with grants
74 from USAID have sent items such as chocolate and cashmere jerseys;
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- 76 8. Encourages the promotion of more tourist opportunities within Cuba to aid the economy,
77 for example by offering fiscal benefits, funded by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to
78 citizens who rent out rooms to tourists, as well as through the use of media outlets.

