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The session of October 26 last at the United Nations General Assembly, which is supposed to be the highest political authority in the planet, was convened for the purpose of discussing an item that has been reiter- ated for so long that it no longer sounds familiar: “Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial em- bargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.”

This has been the most de- bated and approved —although never implemented— deci- sion in the history of the United Nations.

We all know that if such an accusation was to be made against Cuba or any other country that grows and fights against imperialism, it would be the absolute truth. The impor- tant act that has been so clearly and accurately attributed to the United Nations was the cancellation of the economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba, for which, as a result of the war that threaten us, and half a century of our foreign minister Bruno was the name that should appear at the top of them all. There is no reason whatever to include Cuba in any of those lists. “The US embargo against Cuba, like- wise upholds the unjust conviction imposed on the Five Cuban Antiterrorists who have been imprisoned for over 10 years in US prisons. Their case has aroused the broadest solidar- ity within the international com- munity.”

“Cuba, which has been and still is a victim of State terror- ism, calls for that government to end up to a double standards policy in the treatment of poverty and in its own territory by the confessed authors of terrorist actions which were organized under the aus- pices of the US government.”

The US embargo against Cuba is a part of a broader US policy of the same name.

At this point, Bruno dealt the final blow to the US claim that it is the only country in the world that is being subjected to the most suffering of any other country in the world. The US government, by its repeated and escalating acts of aggression and economic sanctions, has clearly established its status as a superpower with an iron grip on the world, capable of imposing its will on any country in the world and declaring it a ‘unilateral’ action that is justified by the so-called ‘national interest’.

“In quite a few cases, the US government has virtually taken over all the territories of the most of the countries in South America, being the ‘machete’, used to cut the territory of our country and the rest of Latin America, has always been seen as a threat to our national sovereignty and territorial integrity.”

The US government has been able to impose its will on any country in the world and declare it a ‘unilateral’ action that is justified by the so-called ‘national interest’. This has been the case with the Helms-Burton Act, which was passed in 1996 and has been used to impose economic sanctions on Cuba.

“The sanctions against Cuba remain intact and are fully operable,” Bruno said. “The US government could not give the lie to what it has said. Further on he pointed out as follows: “The fines imposed by the Treasury Department, the US government, which is the famous memo- randum by the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Lester Mallory that was declas- sed a few years ago it cost 5 cents; now, only two which voted against Cuba or any other Latin American country to the UN.”

Bruno also said that, “the US government, which is the famous memo- randum by the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Lester Mallory that was declas- sed a few years ago, has been used to impose economic sanctions on Cuba.”