

November 2021

CALL FOR ACTION

Stop the escalation of the US subversion against Cuba!

The Network Cuba with its member organizations calls to oppose the planned activities of a so-called "Cuban opposition" on November 15 in Cuba and in our country. Taking advantage of the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of expression and demonstration in Cuba, these forces want to bring about an overthrow and "regime change".

Due to the experience with similar activities around July 11, 2021, with violent and criminal actions, the Cuban government has prohibited the announced demonstrations, which are massively supported from abroad, especially from the United States. Nevertheless, they are to take place accompanied by "marches" in about 50 Western cities, including Berlin, Cologne and Munich. We will not tolerate this betrayal and permanent human rights violations against 11 million Cubans.

On this day, due to the successes in the fight against the Corona pandemic in Cuba, quite a few relaxations are to take place, and above all, the country is to be reopened to tourism. The export of the self-developed Covid vaccines should also improve the economic situation. This is now to be disrupted by the opponents of the system, and in parallel, the Biden administration continues to strangle Cuba with the relentless blockade and sanctions policy, and despite election promises, has not canceled the 243 additional sanctions imposed by Trump's previous administration. This is intended to exploit and escalate widespread dissatisfaction with the supply situation in Cuba, especially as an improvement in the situation is foreseeable.



We therefore demand:

- The right of self-determination and the sovereignty of the Cuban people, who have given themselves a socialist constitution, must be respected!
- The main obstacle for a prosperous development of Cuba is the more than 60-year blockade by the USA - it must be ended immediately!
- The constant subversion and aggression, forced and financed by the USA and also supported from Europe, must be stopped!
- The western media follow almost without exception the propaganda style of the US government against Cuba, use thereby negative clichés and even clumsy falsifications - against it we demand an objective and truthful reporting over Cuba as well as the cold war policy of the USA against Cuba, which is contrary to international law!

Cuba, which practices again and again in exemplary way international solidarity, needs now our political, material and financial support and solidarity with its socialist way into a better, fairer and lasting future!

Background info and details

In Cuba, a group called "Archipiélago" has announced demonstrations in several cities for November 15. This is the day on which several Corona protection measures will be relaxed due to falling infection figures and the successful vaccination campaign.

Resentment in Cuba over the difficult supply situation, largely the result of the U.S. blockade and the 243 additional sanctions imposed by Trump, including the collapse of remittances and the collapse but also because of the loss of tourism revenue and the restrictions imposed by the Corona protections, is widespread. They invoke the rights of freedom of expression and demonstration guaranteed by the Constitution. However, these planned renewed protest activities are related to the July 11 protests, in which - completely unusual in Cuba so far - several demonstrators carried out violent attacks against hospitals, supermarkets and police stations. All of this was demonstrably supported directly by the U.S. Embassy in Havana, in blatant violation, yet again, of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. Such activities are promoted by authorities and intelligence agencies from Washington and exiled Cuban right-wing extremists in Miami. Thus, immediately after the announcement of the planned demonstrations for November 15, applause and offers of support came from the U.S. government and right-wing Cuban exile organizations.

An extreme example is a telephone conversation between the official chief organizer of the planned illegal demonstrations, Yuniors García Aguilera, who the U.S. government appears to be building into a new leader of the Cuban opposition, and an exiled Cuban terrorist, Ramón Saúl Sánchez Rizo. Sánchez Rizo is or was a member of several terrorist groups, has organized terrorist actions against the island republic for over 40 years, and was sentenced to many years in prison by a U.S. court in 1984 for membership in the "Omega 7" terrorist group, but was pardoned by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. He was expelled from the country by the Obama administration in 2016 for preparing illegal actions against Cuba, but continues to live unmolested in Miami. In the telephone conversation, he assured his interlocutor García Aguilera of "full support" in the planned actions, "logistical and propaganda assistance in the U.S. media," and offered to send a "flotilla" to the Cuban coast "to support the protests." Thus, ships from Miami would illegally enter Cuban territory and provoke (There have been such incidents in the past, where machine guns have been fired at coastal areas)!

Based on these backgrounds and legal considerations, the competent Cuban courts and authorities have rejected this ominous request in detail and well-founded. The fact that the applicants want to go against these decisions and protest in spite of the ban suggests that they are ready for provocation and confrontation in front of an international audience. For this reason, anti-Cuba "marches in support of #15NCU" have been called for around 50 locations, including in Germany: Berlin, Cologne and Munich.

Numerous aggressive, outrageous, and provocative statements by U.S. leaders show that these current activities against Cuba are a campaign orchestrated and supported by them - often tried and tested in other countries - that it is part of their hostile "regime change" strategy. It is already apparent that a whole phalanx of media institutions, journalists, and other multipliers stand ready to exploit these activities against Cuba. These institutions include, first and foremost, the U.S. government and its follower quality media, as well as its foreign policy spearheads such as the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). They also include dozens of front organizations with a neutral veneer, such as the "Center for Opening to Democracy in Latin America" (Cadal), or the "Cuban American National Foundation" (CANF), which are financed from the U.S. national budget.

In Germany, the stooges include the right-wing "International Society for Human Rights" (IGFM), and in the European Parliament, the FDP, as a member of the "Renew Europe" group, had already tried several times, side by side with the avowed fascists of "Vox" and other ultra-right parties, to destroy the relations between the EU and Cuba. Even the Berlin taz pleases itself as mouthpiece of alleged freedom fighters. And already in the run-up to November 15, numerous U.S. broadcasters such as NBC News and news agencies such as Reuters have widely and favorably "reported" on the demonstration plans. In doing so, they gloss over huge rallies in support of the socialist social order in Cuba, the unanimous demands of the UN to end the U.S. blockade, including worldwide expressions of solidarity and major campaigns such as the solidarity caravans in the U.S. or the Unblock Cuba campaign in Western Europe.

Against this background, it is particularly bad that the official organizers of the group "Archipiélago" do not express themselves unequivocally and clearly against the permanent support and subversion from the U.S., and also do not condemn the blockade against their country, but make common cause with the enemies of their country. In Germany, they could be charged with such support by a foreign, and moreover hostile, power (§ 92 ff StGB). In the anti-communist discourse, however, the defense of the self-elected system of government in Cuba is recast as an issue of human rights violation!