



Enough is enough - basta ya: UNBLOCK CUBA!!!

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

For over 60 years, the US has violated international law and human rights with its **unilateral economic, trade and financial blockade** of Cuba. It has been further exacerbated by the Trump administration and has been described as "**genocide**" because of the colossal negative effects on the Cuban people and the socio-economic development of Cuba. This is factually stated in annual reports of the Cuban government [see <http://www.netz-werk-cuba.de/2020/10/cuba-vs-bloqueo/>]. This brutal blockade policy has increasingly dramatic consequences for the population in Cuba: money transfers from family members are made impossible, foreign support for health projects is prevented, important medicines can only be imported in a roundabout way and at excessive cost, the transport system has to be massively restricted. In addition, the blockade harms companies, banks, organisations and citizens in all countries, violating their civil rights and freedoms.

In annual resolutions of the **UN General Assembly**, almost all states on our planet vote unequivocally for an end to the blockade and sanctions. Yet the US ignores this unanimous demand, and Western governments, while speaking out against the blockade, have so far done nothing concrete but allow and participate in this injustice. The next vote in the UN General Assembly is scheduled for 3 November.

AND NOW?

Worldwide, protests are growing against this ongoing crime and the terror of the superpower USA against the peace-loving neighbouring state. Now, initiated by the daily newspaper "junge Welt" and several Cuba solidarity groups, a campaign with the motto "Unblock Cuba" is to be carried out again, as twice before, in which more than 120 organisations from 24 European countries participated. The aim is to send tangible signals for the abolition of the blockade, so that politicians and the media do not continue to ignore all this!

The criminal blockade must be ended, and we are mobilising for this and want to bring about an early end to the blockade with many sensational and diverse actions!

WHAT TO DO?

The central information platform is our website: <https://www.unblock-cuba.org/>.

There you can find information and order materials free of charge: Posters of various sizes, banners, information sheets, bicycle pennants.... - some of them in different languages. Information, photos, video clips, social media and action reports will be collected and distributed there. Send e-mails and orders to aktionsbüro@jungewelt.de.

The campaign can be carried out in two phases, depending on the local possibilities of the groups and activists.

The UN vote is scheduled for 3.11. (New York City), the day before (2.11.) there will be statements from different countries. The two highlights for activities should be (suggested dates):

Phase 1 BEFORE the UN vote: Fri, 28.10. and/or Sat, 29.10.

Phase 2 AFTER the UN vote: Fri. 4.11. and/or Sat. 5.11.

(then the social media channels should also be used for the dissemination of the result!)

HOW TO DO IT? IDEAS FOR ACTION

Examples for phase 1 (aim: inform about the blockade):

- Bicycle demonstration (e.g. from Cuba's embassy to the US embassy, as in Berlin).
- Vigils and rallies at meaningful places on the ground, e.g. US embassy or US consulate, info tables, etc.
- Hang information on balloons (in Cuba's colours: blue, white, red) and let them fly.
- Make a kite and let it fly (as on the UNBLOCK poster)
- Oversize Cuba flag (attracts attention; can be used frequently)
- **Break the blockade:** Stack boxes with inscription (e.g. "End the Blockade"; one letter per box) as a blockade wall and then dismantle it step by step (e.g. with drums; clapping; explanation per dismantled box/letter what is possible for Cuba without blockade)

Examples of phase 2 (aim: to make the result of the vote known):

- Letters or emails to all local/regional US embassies and consulates, to relevant members of government, parliamentarians and politicians.
- Advertisements in selected local or national newspapers with the UN vote result and brief information; send also to news agencies.
- Social media posts with the UN vote result
- Inserts in selected newspapers with the UN vote result and brief information
- **Flag campaign:** The UN vote result should be visually and visibly displayed; options: Spread the flags or paper prints of the flags (DIN A4 or A3...) of the countries that voted in favour of the Cuba resolution and the end of the US blockade in the UN and the very few countries that voted against the end of the blockade.

Or: put the flags in small containers or vases or flowerpots.

Or: Have a sufficient number of participants line up to hold up and wave the flags or paper prints.

Example: <https://www.unblock-cuba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DSC01092-1.jpg>

[Flags download <https://flagcdn.com/w2560.zip>]

- Example: the bank campaign "**1c4cuba**". The aim of the campaign is to get banks to deal with small transfers with the subject "Cuba" or similar, because the "compliance departments" of the banks check whether this would violate sanctions; this costs effort/time/ money. This should be extended

internationally if possible and help to create pressure against those who are complying with US blockade and not with EU and international law. This particular action can of course be practised as a form of action at any time. For more information and applications see <https://1c4cuba.eu/>

- Example **PETITION** by artists and intellectuals "Germany with Europe - For an end to the blockade against Cuba!", supported by over 97,000 people: www.change.org/Cuba

Most of these actions can of course also be carried out at any time outside the UNBLOCK campaign - and further action ideas are welcome.

IMPORTANT: Please take photos of the activities and write short texts, and distribute them as widely as possible: to the media, via your own distribution lists and social media. The UNBLOCK CUBA logo should be used and reference should be made to the many other activities in Europe in general.

On the website www.unblock-cuba.de all activities can be announced and reported on, there is important advertising and information material, such as DIN A5 flyers, posters of different sizes, large light banners etc. in different languages.

And we count on all of you to become active yourselves. Talk to other organisations, but also to acquaintances, relatives, friends and support our Europe-wide solidarity action, in whatever form! The blockade must go!