

## **Petition by the members of Dáil Éireann to the Taoiseach, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance**

Recognising the near unanimous vote of the United Nations General Assembly condemning the United States blockade of Cuba on 23 June 2021

Welcoming the Irish government's support of the Cuban position and rejection of the United States position on the UN resolution on the blockade of Cuba

Affirming our solidarity with all nations who struggle, as we struggled, to free themselves from the tyrannies of imperialism and colonialism

We undersigned members of the 33rd Dáil

Call on the Minister of Foreign Affairs to offer his services in his position as a member of the United Nations Security Council to establish a Normalisation of Relations Process to finally and definitively end the US aggression against Cuba.

We call on Taoiseach Michael Martin to initiate and oversee an international academic and financial investigation aimed at quantifying the reparations owed by the United States of America to Cuba as a result of the continuance of the economic, financial and commercial sanctions imposed on Cuba after the date the first UN vote condemning the blockade was passed.

We consider the US denial of trade in a time of pandemic, when urgent medical supplies are required to control the spread of the Covid19 virus and to distribute vaccines to the population, to be a deliberate attempt to cause increased suffering in the civilian population of Cuba

We therefore call on the Minister for Finance, in his role as leader of the EU Council of Finance Ministers, to immediately strengthen the existing regulation to defend the right of European businesses and individuals to trade with Cuba free from United States coercion and, to this end, to establish a direct EU financial architecture which denies the US Office of Foreign Assets Control access to properly regulated financial transactions between European and Cuban entities in accordance with the principles of the European Union and the World Trade Organisation.

Finally, we declare that preventing the delivery of PPE, medicines, food, fuel and vaccines to Cuba is not the action of a civilised nation and is precisely the opposite of the actions requested of the United States by the UN Secretary General, António Guterres, who, in a letter to the G20 nations on 24 March, 2020, called for "the waiving of sanctions imposed on countries to ensure access to food, essential health supplies and Covid-19 supports."

Signed: