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UNITED STATES - TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA

Communication from Cuba

The following communication, dated 26 November 1992, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Cuba with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

Please find attached hereto the text of the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 24 November 1992. I should be grateful if you would circulate it to all contracting parties for the forthcoming session on 2-3 December 1992.

The purpose of this request is to supplement and update the information provided for contracting parties under Item 14 of the Council's Report, "United States - Trade Embargo Against Cuba", on page 13.

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RESOLUTION

Necessity of Ending the Economic, Commercial and Financial Embargo
Imposed by the United States of America Against Cuba

The General Assembly,

Determined to encourage strict compliance with the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming, among other principles, the sovereign equality of States, non-intervention and non-interference in their internal affairs, freedom of trade and international navigation, which are also enshrined in many international legal instruments,

Concerned by the promulgation and application by Member States of laws and regulations whose extra-territorial effects affect the sovereignty of other States and the legitimate interests of entities or persons under their jurisdiction, and the freedom of trade and navigation,

Having learned of the recent promulgation of measures of that nature aimed at strengthening and extending the economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba,

1. Calls upon all States to refrain from promulgating and applying laws and measures of the kind referred to in the preamble to this resolution in conformity with their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and international law, and with the commitments which they have freely entered into in acceding to international legal instruments which, inter alia, reaffirm the freedom of trade and navigation;
2. Urges States which have such laws or measures to take the necessary steps to repeal or invalidate them as soon as possible in accordance with their legal régime;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of this resolution and to submit it for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;
4. Decides to include the item in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session.