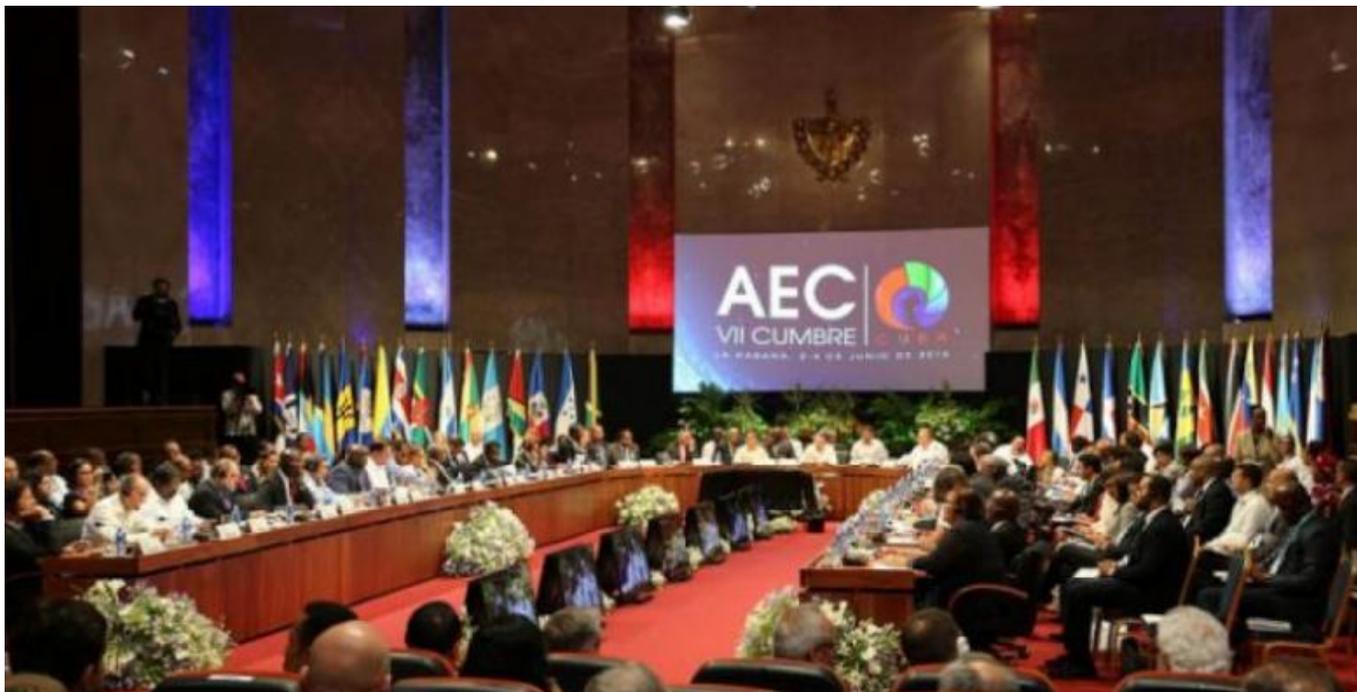


Caribbean States Demand End of US Blockade on Cuba

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The Association of Caribbean States (ACS) passed the Managua Declaration in which the member countries demand the US Government to put an end to the blockade on Cuba, the Helms-Burton Act and its extraterritorial character.

Participants at the 8th Ministerial Meeting of the ACS rejected the application of unilateral coercive measures that violate International Law and threaten peace and prosperity of the Greater Caribbean.

The Declaration reaffirms the stance of regional nations to demand the US Government to put an end to the economic, financial and trade blockade it has maintained on Cuba for over half a century.

The participant delegates rejected intrusion in the political affairs of any State, territorial intervention and the use of force for the solution of conflicts in accordance with the 2014 Proclaim of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace.

They joyfully celebrated the 25th anniversary of the ACS foundation and advocated for revitalizing the regional organization.

Among other issues, the Managua Declaration calls on the ACS to act together to solve pressing problems that arise from climate change, particular in the more vulnerable Caribbean island nations.