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Helms-Burton Act Title III Attacks International Law, Cuban FM Says

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Cuba's Foreign Minister, Bruno Rodriguez, has accused the Trump administration on Wednesday of attacking international law and sovereignty by activating Title III of the Helms-Burton Act, an initiative aimed at changing Cuba's regime.

Shortly after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced on Twitter Washington's decision to allow claims in U.S. courts over 'confiscated' property (as they call nationalizations done in the wake of the triumph of the Cuban Revolution), Rodriguez expressed his strong rejection in social media.

'This is an attack on Cuban and other States' sovereignty, considering the extraterritorial character of Title III, aimed at depriving Cuba of foreign investments, threatening current and potential partners,' he underscored.

'US escalating aggressiveness against Cuba will fail. As in Bay of Pigs, we will overcome,' he wrote regarding the celebration these days (April 19) of the first great defeat of US imperialism in Latin America, after the defeat in the 1961 over a US-led mercenary invasion through Bay of Pigs, south central Cuba.

To harden the blockade on the island, Pompeo alleged Cuba had not moved toward democracy and had 'exported oppression to Venezuela.'

The Director General of the US Office in the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Carlos Fernandez de Cossio, said the decision announced on Wednesday is another attempt to hit the Cuban economy, which has been the target of fierce economic war for almost 60 years.

While this measure demonstrates Washington's ability to cause harm, it shows above all its failure to bend the will of Cubans to defend their sovereignty, he added.

