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**Leaders at UN demand end to the US blockade on Cuba**

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The demand for an end to the US blockade against Cuba was voiced by representatives from all over the world, during speeches at the general debate of the 74th session of the General Assembly, which continues this Friday.

Suriname's President Ashwin Adhin said on Thursday that his country strongly disapproves of 'the economic, financial and commercial blockade of more than 50 years against the Republic of Cuba and its people.'

The vast majority of nations have repeatedly taken a stand against the blockade policy and one may wonder if it is now, finally, the time to understand that the continuation of this mechanism is and will continue to be counterproductive, Adhin stressed.

For his part, President of Sao Tome and Principe Evaristo do Espirito Santo Carvalho once again renewed his support for the Cuban people and called on the international community to make greater efforts to lift the blockade.

He also referred to the importance of normalizing relations between the United States and Cuba.

Meanwhile, Nauru's President Lionel Rouwen Aingimea thanked the Cuban government for strengthening the health sector of that small State in Oceania.

Since 1992, the UN General Assembly has approved 27 resolutions calling on the US

government to end, without any conditions, its blockade policy against Cuba.

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