

Cuba demands the End of Puerto Rico's Colonial Status

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Cuba reiterated at the United Nations on Monday its demand for the end of the colonial status of Puerto Rico, which translates into the materialization of that nation's right to self-determination and independence.

Cuban ambassador Rodolfo Reyes presented the new document on the issue at the UN Decolonization Committee by stressing that such prerogative has been recognized by the United Nations since 1960, when the international community proclaimed the need to put an end to colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.

The committee has adopted 32 resolutions and decisions urging Washington to assume its historic responsibility to favor a process that allows Puerto Ricans to enjoy their rights.

The initiative presented by Cuba and backed by Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Venezuela, ratifies the Latin American and Caribbean nature of Puerto Rico and it demands the end of repression against Puerto Rican independence activists and the release of Puerto Rican political prisoners Oscar Lopez Rivera and Norberto Gonzalez Claudio.

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