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**US terrorist lies - no match against Cuba's record of peace and justice!
Remove Cuba from the US State Department's SSOT and NFCC lists now!**

Statement by Vancouver Communities in Solidarity with Cuba (VCSC)

On May 13, 2025, the Trump administration added Cuba to the U.S. government's arbitrary and hypocritical list of countries that, "do not fully cooperate with its anti-terrorism efforts" (NFCC). However, the history and ongoing actions of the U.S. government automatically exclude it from being an authority on who does or does not support terrorism.

Those who study Cuba know it is a country truly standing against terrorism and a force pushing for peace and justice world-wide. While the U.S. exports weapons, domination, war, and terror, Cuba exports doctors and health. Currently Cuba has more than 24,000 doctors working in 56 countries worldwide. In over six decades since the 1959 Cuban revolution, Cuba has sent over 600,000 healthcare professionals to over 160 countries, this is despite over 60 years of U.S. blockade and economic warfare against Cuba.

Cuba's life saving medical internationalism is currently under vicious attack by the same U.S. State Department, with Secretary of State Marco Rubio, lying and attempting to label Cuban medical professionals as victims of "forced labor" and "human trafficking". Rubio's lies are contrasted by the direct experiences of Caribbean leaders. Recently Barbados' Prime Minister, Mia Mottley, explained how Barbados, "could not get through the pandemic without the Cuban nurses and the Cuban doctors." While Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness stated, "Let us be clear, the Cuban doctors in Jamaica have been incredibly helpful to us."

Vancouver Communities in Solidarity with Cuba strongly condemns this latest U.S. campaign of lies and aggression against Cuba. We demand that Cuba be removed immediately from both the "do not fully cooperate with its anti-terrorism efforts" (NFCC) & "State Sponsors of Terrorism" (SSOT) lists. We further demand an end to the over 60-year criminal and unjust U.S. blockade against Cuba! The true purpose of these lists, sanctions & the blockade are a campaign of destructive economic warfare, aimed at Cuba and any other country refusing to bow to the bullying of the U.S. government.

The world needs Cuba's example of revolutionary internationalism and solidarity!

Join Vancouver Communities in Solidarity with Cuba (VCSC) in demanding:

- Cuba is Not a Supporter of Terrorism!
- Lift the Blockade on Cuba Now!
- Take Cuba Off the SSOT & NFCC Lists Now!
- Viva Cuba!