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Letter dated 18 December 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from Moscow, I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against the Republic of Cuba (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38.

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**



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[Original: Russian]

Statement of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on the necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against the Republic of Cuba

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation welcomes the adoption on 2 November 2023 by the United Nations General Assembly of the resolution entitled “Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba”.

The senators of the Russian Federation note the traditionally friendly relations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Cuba. Both States are working consistently to build confidence and mutual understanding and deepen comprehensive cooperation.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation emphasizes that the neo-colonial policy pursued by the United States of America of applying unilateral sanctions against sovereign States flagrantly violates the fundamental principles and norms of international law and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

The senators of the Russian Federation believe that the United States sanctions against Cuba are illegitimate, unjust and destructive and are an attempt to harm the Cuban people and to undermine the economic and humanitarian ties of the Republic of Cuba with other States.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation shares the concern of the international community that certain States are applying extraterritorial acts, such as the Helms-Burton Act adopted in the United States on 12 March 1996, which violate the legitimate interests of natural and legal persons under their jurisdiction and undermine the freedom of trade and navigation.

The senators of the Russian Federation draw attention to the fact that the overwhelming majority of United Nations Member States have consistently voted in favour of the adoption of the relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions for more than 30 years, expressing solidarity with the Cuban people in their just demands for the lifting of the unlawful sanctions imposed by the United States.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation demands an immediate end to the illegal economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States against Cuba.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation considers work to further strengthen Russian-Cuban ties as one of the priority areas of its activities.

The senators of the Russian Federation will continue to support the people of Cuba in their courageous struggle for the sovereignty and independence of their country against the economic and political aggression of the United States.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation calls on the Inter-Parliamentary Union and other international parliamentary organizations, as well as parliaments of foreign States, to demand the unconditional lifting of the

economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against the Republic of Cuba, and to adopt appropriate acts in support of the said resolution of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
