

March 26, 2026,

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

The economic blockades imposed on Cuba over several decades have caused widespread hardships to the population. These have been further exacerbated by the recent U.S. embargo on fuel for Cuba, leading to damaging blackouts. These cruel and unprovoked measures constitute a breach of the UN Charter and international law.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Group of 78, we are writing to urge the Government of Canada to help bring an immediate end to this illegal embargo and to provide food aid, humanitarian assistance, and medical supplies for the population, as well as equipment for the generation of renewable energy.

We acknowledge that the Canadian Government has recently provided some aid to Cuba in the context of this emergency. However, the \$8 million announced for this purpose is grossly inadequate.

We ask the Government of Canada to work with other countries to meet these urgent needs of the Cuban population. The embargo is not only illegal; it is also deeply unjust. Cubans and Canadians have built a long-standing partnership as well as social and economic ties, which are valued in both countries and which Canada should do its utmost to maintain.

Respectfully,



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