

Cuba Appeals to the UN Security Council Over U.S. Threat



Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez appealed to the UN Security Council for support (Source: [BRodríguez/X](#))

Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla [called on](#) the international community on Tuesday before the UN Security Council in New York to oppose an impending military aggression by the U.S. against Cuba. "I call on the international community to mobilize to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe that could be imposed either by armed force or through the energy blockade," Rodríguez stated. On Platform X, he had [previously](#) "requested the UN's assistance to stop a U.S. military aggression against Cuba that would trigger a bloodbath."

Meeting with UN Secretary-General Guterres

Before the session, Rodríguez [met](#) with UN Secretary-General António Guterres and, according to his own statements, informed him about "the severe humanitarian situation facing the Cuban people—as a direct consequence of the extreme tightening of the blockade by the U.S. government, with [additional measures](#), [secondary sanctions](#), and a brutal energy siege." At the same time, he reaffirmed Cuba's willingness to continue bilateral talks with Washington—though without interference in Cuba's internal affairs.

In his address to the Security Council, Rodríguez described the [energy blockade](#) imposed by the U.S. as an "act of war and genocide" whose effects are equivalent to a naval blockade. The consequences for the civilian population are already being felt: Infant mortality has doubled from 4.0 to 9.2 per thousand live births, and the survival rate of children with cancer has dropped from 85 to 65 percent, the minister said.

He rejected the U.S. accusation that Cuba poses a threat to U.S. national security. "That is an idea that defies logic and common sense," Rodríguez said. "Let Cuba live in peace."

The session had been convened by China and focused on strengthening the UN-centered international system.

Russian Tanker Changes Course

While Rodríguez was speaking in New York, reports were mounting of another severe blow in the acute energy crisis: The Russian tanker “Universal,” carrying approximately 250,000 barrels of diesel, suddenly picked up speed after more than 30 days of drifting almost motionless in the North Atlantic—and in doing so, moved away from Cuba.

[According to](#) ship-tracking data and energy researcher Jorge Piñon, director of the Latin America and Caribbean Energy Program at the University of Texas, the ship increased its speed from about 1.3 knots to 10.5 knots and set a course toward the South Atlantic. “It’s not just the change in course, but also the speed. After more than 30 days in limbo, the Universal has set a clear course to the southeast and is entering the South Atlantic, far from Cuba’s shores,” Piñon said. “Its speed has increased from 1.3 to 10.5 knots, which suggests a specific destination.”

The ship had departed from the Russian port of Vysotsk on January 18 and passed through the English Channel on April 8, accompanied by a Russian frigate. Its arrival in Cuba had originally been expected by the end of April. Instead, the tanker remained in the North Atlantic for over a month, traveling at the slowest possible speed or nearly adrift, about 1,600 kilometers from Cuba, without specifying a destination port.

Whether and when Cuba will receive further fuel deliveries remains unclear following the “Universal’s” change of course. Rodríguez’s appeal to the UN Security Council summed up the situation in a single sentence: “The time for solidarity with Cuba has come.” ([Cubaheute](#))