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Mr. Rob Miller
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Dear Mr Miller,

Thank you for your emails to Sir Alan Duncan, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, about Cuba's UN General Assembly resolution 'necessity to end the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba'.

I am pleased to inform you that the UK, alongside the EU, voted in support of the resolution at this year's UN General Assembly on 1 November. We believe that the US sanctions and other unilateral administrative and judicial measures have a damaging impact on the economic situation of Cuba and are counterproductive to achieving positive change in Cuba. The extraterritorial impact of these measures on the UK, in violation of commonly accepted rules of international trade, negatively affect British economic interests, which is why both the EU and UK have passed legislation to counteract the effects of the embargo. Our position also reinforces the value we attach to our bilateral relationship and our commitment to strengthening cooperation with Cuba.

For your interest, please find the full EU explanation of the vote at the following link:
https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-new-york/53167/eu-explanation-vote-united-nations-general-assembly-ending-economic-commercial-and-financial_en

I would be grateful if you could publish this response on your website or circulate this response to your supporters, as we will not respond to individual campaign emails.

Yours sincerely,

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