

**SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE NEED TO PUT AN END
TO THE ECONOMIC, TRADE AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO IMPOSED
BY THE UNITED STATES ON CUBA**

The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Santiago, Chile on 28 January 2013, within the framework of the Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), express their strongest opposition to the unilateral and coercive economic measures imposed on sovereign countries for political reasons, that impair the well-being of their peoples and are designed to prevent these countries from exercising their right to decide, by their own free will, their political, economic and social systems.

Reiterate their strongest condemnation of the application of laws and measures contrary to International Law, such as the Helms-Burton Law, including its extraterritorial effect, and urged the Government of the United States of America to put an end to its application;

Therefore, urged the Government of the United States of America, in accordance with the successive resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, and in response to repeated calls from the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, to put an end to the economic, trade and financial embargo against Cuba, which is contrary to International Law, severely and unjustifiably damaging to the well-being of the Cuban people, and affects peace and coexistence among the nations of the Americas.

Santiago, Chile, 28 January 2013