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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING U.S. UNILATERAL COERCIVE
MEASURES AGAINST CUBA AND NORMALIZING RELATIONS
BASED ON MUTUALLY RECOGNIZED SOVEREIGNTY AND
RESPECT**

WHEREAS, both the United States (U.S.) and Cuba are sovereign countries and members of the United Nations (U.N.); and,

WHEREAS, the U.N. Charter is a treaty which was ratified by the U.S., is therefore the “supreme law of the land” under the U.S. Constitution, Article VI, and is binding on the U.S. government including the President and the administration; and,

WHEREAS, article 2(4) of the U.N. Charter states, “all members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations”; and,

WHEREAS, U.S. government policy since at least April 1960 adopted in secret a course of action designed “to bring about hunger, desperation and overthrow of government” in Cuba, which has resulted in hundreds of U.S. unilateral coercive measures (UCMs) against Cuba; and,

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2026, President Donald Trump issued Executive Order 14380 “Addressing Threats to the United States by the Government of Cuba” and threatened to impose high tariffs on any country selling or supplying oil to Cuba that have limited dramatically the flow of oil to the island creating an unprecedented humanitarian crisis affecting the country’s electricity grid, food supply, transportation, and medical services; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. is now enforcing a strict oil blockade against Cuba, through tariff threats, naval interdiction of tankers, and financial sanctions against oil suppliers; and,

WHEREAS, these actions have imposed daily hardships and deprivations on the Cuban people creating shortages of basic necessities like food and medicine, and severely restricting international financial and trade opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Cuba poses no economic or military threat to the U.S. nor to any other country; and,

WHEREAS, after over 30 years of overwhelming annual condemnations by the U.N. General Assembly against the U.S. unilateral coercive measures, U.N. leadership has also expressed extreme concern for the humanitarian impacts of this Executive Order, warned of humanitarian collapse, and urged all parties to pursue dialogue and respect for international law; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO (WSLC) passed a resolution at its 2017 state convention calling for an end to trade and financial embargo against Cuba and opposing efforts by the Trump administration to tighten the US blockade; and,

WHEREAS, the WSLC passed a resolution in its 2024 state convention urging the International Executive Board of the National AFL-CIO to state their opposition to the inclusion of Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the WSLC will send a copy of this resolution to the AFL-CIO and communicate the Council's support for national advocacy in favor of rescinding Executive Order 14380, and the goal of ending unilateral coercive measures against the nation of Cuba.