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## **Cuba denounces US blockade in international parliamentary forum**

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HAVANA, Oct 16 (ACN) The Cuban delegation participating in the 141st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), based in Belgrade, Serbia, gave a speech addressing the strengthening of international law, parliamentary roles and mechanisms and the contribution of regional cooperation.

Ana Maria Mari Machado, deputy president of the National Assembly of People's Power and the Council of State, who presides over the Cuban delegation, said on Twitter that in her speech she also denounced the US blockade against Cuba.

The Caribbean delegation has developed an intense agenda of work parallel to the Assembly which included a meeting with Ivica Dacic, First Vice President of Serbia and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

They also met with Tong Thi Phong, first vice president of the Vietnamese National Assembly.

The 141st IPU Assembly, opened last Sunday evening and attended by representatives of the parliaments of 178 states and 12 regional legislative assemblies, has scheduled an extensive program of activities where Cuba will participate actively.

The Cuban delegation is also made up by Yolanda Ferrer Gomez, president of the International Relations Committee of the Cuban Parliament and member of the Executive Committee of the IPU representing Latin America, as well as legislators Estela Cristina Luna Morales, president of the Commission on Health and Sports, Miguel Enrique Charbonet Martell, member of the Commission on Education, Culture, Science, Technology

and Environment, and Jesus Rafael Mora Gonzalez, official of the National Assembly.

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