**FORUM:** GA4 Committee Special Political and Decolonization

**QUESTION OF:** The restoration of the Cuban-American relations

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

*Bearing in mind* that the embargo imposed on the Republic of Cuba by the United States of America (USA) has very harsh economic consequences, estimated on 1.1 trillion dollars since the embargo took place,

*Aware* of the 24 failed resolutions which condemned the embargo, however failed due to high opposition of USA and Israel, even though the vast majority of countries voted for the resolution,

*Emphasizing* that both, the Republic of Cuba and the USA will benefit greatly economically, from the continuous restoration of relations,

*Expressing* the concern of the rise of poverty that correlates with the embargo on trade relations,

*Noting with deep concern*the adverse effects of the remainder of the embargo restrictions and its breach of international law, sovereign equality of States and the principles of the charter of the United Nations,

*Further recalling*that the World Trade Organization advocates the removal of the embargo,

1. Supports the idea that the government of the USA should lift the embargo imposed on Cuba and thus promote needed economic growth in Cuba;
2. Suggests that the Cuban-American relations can be improved as long the relation is equal and both nations respect their form of governing: a) No changes in the Cuban regime will be required, b)  The Cuban government can decide to stay communist, and that the US will no tand may not intervene in any of these decisions made;
3. Asks Cuba in exchange for lifting the embargo significantly, by the US, to allow the Citizens of Cuba to:

a) travel freely, b) allow the citizens of Cuba to start their own businesses in every sector, not only in some, c) reduce the censorship of newspaper and mass media, d) universal suffrage on regional levels, f) divide the salaries on levels, according to the performance of workers;

1. Requests the Secretary General to establish a group of experts mandate to visit Cuba and conduct a detailed study of the consequences of the embargo on the Cuban economy and the society and to formulate solutions accordingly and submit its report to the General Assembly, the General Assembly will use the report to assist Cuba to recover economically and to resolve their economic issues such as, but not limited to:

              a) Unemployment,

              b) Poverty and standards of living,

c) Health,

f) Environment;

1. Strongly invites both countries to spread awareness on the issue by setting up lessons in schools and communities that would make people understand the different perspectives of Cuba and the USA, providing better knowledge would ensure a better and more secure future between the two countries;

1. Asks both nations to act according to their promises and not to break them which would cause distrust and slow future development of the diplomatic ties;
2. Urges Cuba to improve the social situation of the minorities (especially Afro-Cubans) by:

a) the promotion of educational programs to achieve understanding of Cubans of Latin descent and Afro-Cubans, and thus fight the marginalization of the Afro-Cubans,

b) the abolishment of policies which alienate Afro-Cubans such as:

i) the prevention of going to hotels and certain beaches ii) equal opportunities for work

1. Asks the government of the USA to return the territory of Guantanamo Bay, if the government of the Republic of Cuba improves the Human Rights and set up universal suffrage at regional level;
2. Accepts the offer of the Holy See to serve as on of the active mediator to the debates between the two countries;
3. Discourages any current and potential disputes between the USA and Cuba to be resolved with any acts of violence;
4. Asks both nations for further development of the diplomatic relations.