

REMOVE CUBA FROM THE STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM LIST (SSOT)

WHAT IS THE SSOT LIST?

The State Sponsors of Terrorism List (SSOT) is a designation by the United States of countries it deems to sponsor international acts of terror.

WHEN WAS CUBA ADDED TO THE LIST?

Cuba was originally added to the terrorism list by the Reagan administration in 1982 and was later removed by President Obama in 2015.

In January 2021, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo added Cuba back to the list a week before Trump's presidency came to an end.

WHY IS CUBA ON THE LIST?

The primary reason given by Trump's State Department was that Cuba refused to extradite members of the Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional (ELN) of Colombia, who were in Cuba as a part of a peace process that Cuba was hosting.

When Gustavo Petro became president of Colombia in 2022, he re-initiated peace talks with the ELN, asked Cuba to be a "Guarantor State" and dropped the extradition request. The argument should now be laid to rest.

HOW HAS BEING ON THE LIST AFFECTED CUBA?

The addition of Cuba to the list has seriously stifled their economic recovery by limiting banks from handling any type of financial transactions - even for humanitarian aid - and sends a huge warning sign to investors and even entrepreneurs that all economic activity will be stifled on claims of supporting terrorism.

HOW CAN I HELP GET CUBA OFF THE LIST?

This designation is unjust, and it is time for the United States to change its approach towards Cuba. We urge you to visit our website to learn more on how you can get involved. Together, we can make a difference and promote a more constructive and respectful relationship between the United States and Cuba.