

**Join the National Call In to the White House to Remove Cuba from the List  
of State Sponsors of Terrorism, March 15 & 16, 11 am to 3 pm  
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**What is the List?**

The list is created and maintained only by the U.S. There are restrictions on:

- U.S. foreign assistance
- Certain controls over exports of dual use items
- Financial restrictions including loans from the World Bank

**The U.S. penalizes people and countries who engage in trade with countries on the list making it challenging to engage in global exchange. Biden can change this with one signature.**

**What is the Cost to Cuba?**

As a manipulation tactic, the U.S. uses huge fines to influence most banks into refusing to process Cuban payments. Over 30 financial & banking institutions interrupted their relationships with Cuba due to the island's designation on the list. It prevents people from sending remittances from abroad, and raises the price of vital products the country buys on the world market. Cuba is kept from developing credit, is forced to pay for essential goods upfront, and has to pay a 15-30% premium on basics such as fuel.

**Control over Export of Dual-Use Items**

The list puts restrictions on purchase, import and export of dual-use items. A dual-use item is any item that the U.S. determines can be weaponized. This includes technology, software, and basic goods. This restricts the purchase of raw materials needed to manufacture medicines, sanitation supplies and other harmless commodities

**Travel**

Travel restrictions affect global exchange with Cuba and impact tourism. Citizens from 40 different countries who previously could travel freely to the U.S. now have to apply for a visa to visit the U.S. if they visited Cuba within the last decade. Cubans who have dual citizenship with these 40 countries also have this right revoked once they visit the U.S. making it harder for them to return to home.

**Why was Cuba Put on the List?**

As one of his final actions in office, Donald Trump put Cuba on the list of so-called State Sponsors of Terrorism. The excuse was Cuba's work to help the government of Colombia negotiate a peace settlement with the Colombian guerilla organization ELN. In fact, it is Cuba itself that has been the victim of terrorism for the past 60 years, including the blowing up of a Cuban airliner off Barbados in 1976, the gunning down of a Cuban diplomat in New York in 1986, the bombing of hotels in Cuba in 1997, attempts on the life of Cuban president Fidel Castro including in Panama in 2000, and biological attacks on Cuba's crops and livestock over decades.

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