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25Nov92 CUBA: CUBAN OFFICIAL SAYS U.N. EMBARGO RESOLUTION IS MESSAGE TO U.S.

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HAVANA, Nov 24, Reuter - Cuban Foreign Minister Riosento Alarcon said on Tuesday the overwhelming vote of approval given by the U.N. General Assembly urging repeal of new U.S. trade restrictions against Cuba is a clear message to the United States.

His statement to the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina came just hours after the General Assembly approved the resolution with 59 nations voting in favour and only the United States, Israel and Romania voting against. There were 71 abstentions.

"For the United States the message is clear," Alarcon said. He called the General Assembly's vote "one of the greatest diplomatic victories" for his country.

The Cuban foreign minister said it would be up to the administration of President-elect Bill Clinton to decide whether the United States "will bow to or oppose the opinion of most of the world."

Under the resolution, the Secretary-General of the United Nations must report the U.S. response to the next session of the General Assembly.

The resolution called for the repeal of the "Cuban Democracy Act of 1992" that was signed by President George Bush in the final weeks of the U.S. presidential campaign.

The act prohibits U.S. subsidiaries in other nations from trading with Cuba and bars ships that visit Cuba from entering U.S. ports for six months.

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