



Nicaragua Solidarity Ireland condemns all unilateral sanctions imposed on Nicaragua as violations of international law and as acts of aggression against the country. On May 4th, the European Union added additional measures to its already illegal and punitive sanctions against Nicaragua, sanctions which it had imposed in October 2019. The latest bout of punitive measures against Nicaragua comes on the heels of additional unilateral sanctions imposed by the US (House Resolution 754 passed on 9 March). The EU measures clearly mimic many of those enacted by the US and amount to a deference to US aggression and propaganda against Nicaragua.

These sanctions come at a time when several multilateral bodies, including the United Nations, have called for the lifting of sanctions on countries as they battle to protect their populations from the spread of COVID-19. Nicaragua Solidarity Ireland reiterates the demand for an immediate and unconditional end to interventionist sanctions placed not only on Nicaragua, but on a host of other countries around the planet, sanctions which have a severe impact on people's daily lives and on the sovereignty of independent countries.

Moreover, given the European Union's compromised handling of the COVID-19 outbreak along with mistreatment of its own citizens and callous disregard for the thousands of migrants who have either perished in the Mediterranean or are holed up in atrocious living conditions, the European Union would be better advised to concentrate on its own myriad of problems and human rights abuses before unilaterally and illegally intervening in the affairs of others.

Nicaragua Solidarity Ireland specifically calls on the government of Ireland to adhere to the Charter of the United Nations and to refuse to be a party to this unacceptable intervention in the affairs of another sovereign country. We demand a clear and firm condemnation by the government of Ireland of the interventionist sanctions imposed by the EU on Nicaragua and on other countries.