

Cuba and the new Caribbean economic order

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Table 5. Gross Estimates of Cuba's Balance of Payments, 2003–2006
(2003–2005 in million dollars, 2006 in million pesos)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Current account balance	20	116	-154	-240
Trade balance	-245	-208	-424	-101
Exports of goods and services	4,650	5,630	6,999	9,850 ^a
Goods	1,671	2,180	1,999	2,905
Services	2,979	3,450	5,000	6,945 ^a
Imports of goods and services	4,895	5,838	7,923 ^b	9,749 ^a
Goods	4,245	5,098	7,163	9,503
Services	650	740	760	489 ^a
Net current transfers	915	974	970	278
Net factor services	-450	-450	-200	-618
Capital and financial account balance	200	800	500	n.a.
Overall balance	220	916	346	n.a.

Sources: 2003–2005 from ECLAC 2006a, 2007; 2006 from ONE 2007.

^a ECLAC (2007) deleted services, albeit reporting a positive balance of services of \$4.2 billion; service figures are author's estimates based on that balance and data from ECLAC 2006a. ^b ONE (2007) left blank services but reported a surplus in the balance of services of 6.4 billion pesos and elsewhere gave total exports and imports of goods and services thus allowing the author to estimate the missing figures.

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Mexico, Argentina and Bolivia all shifted left in recent years, while Peru last month voted in a socialist leader and Chile and Brazil appear poised to move to the left in elections due this year and next.

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It was not immediately clear how much immediate difference the move would make given that there are very few flights at the moment into Cuba which is going through its worst coronavirus outbreak since the start of the pandemic. But the new regulations are more a product of domestic Cuban politics than foreign pressures. In October, a final negotiating session on the prisoner exchange was held at the Vatican.

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It did, however, carry out a bitter and protracted terroristic war against Cuba and its infrastructure, including biological weapons against the island. Poultry counts for 90% of American shipments to the country, according to the. The American economic sanctions leveled on Cuba since 1961 were always deliberately imposed to make the people suffer deprivation and hardship in order to alienate them from the socialist government and thereby stoke unrest.

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Unlike in the past, employers will now have to pay taxes on the first five workers hired as well. By Alan MACLEOD Cuba was rocked by a series of anti-government street protests earlier this week. Another consequence would be a large exodus of refugees to nearby countries.

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A solution came when Cuba agreed to release Sarraff Trujillo. The right-wing governments of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Honduras joined the United States last week in issuing a statement condemning mass arrests and calling for full restoration of disrupted internet access. In a gesture to address US concerns about human rights, the Cuban government would release fifty-two political prisoners.

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