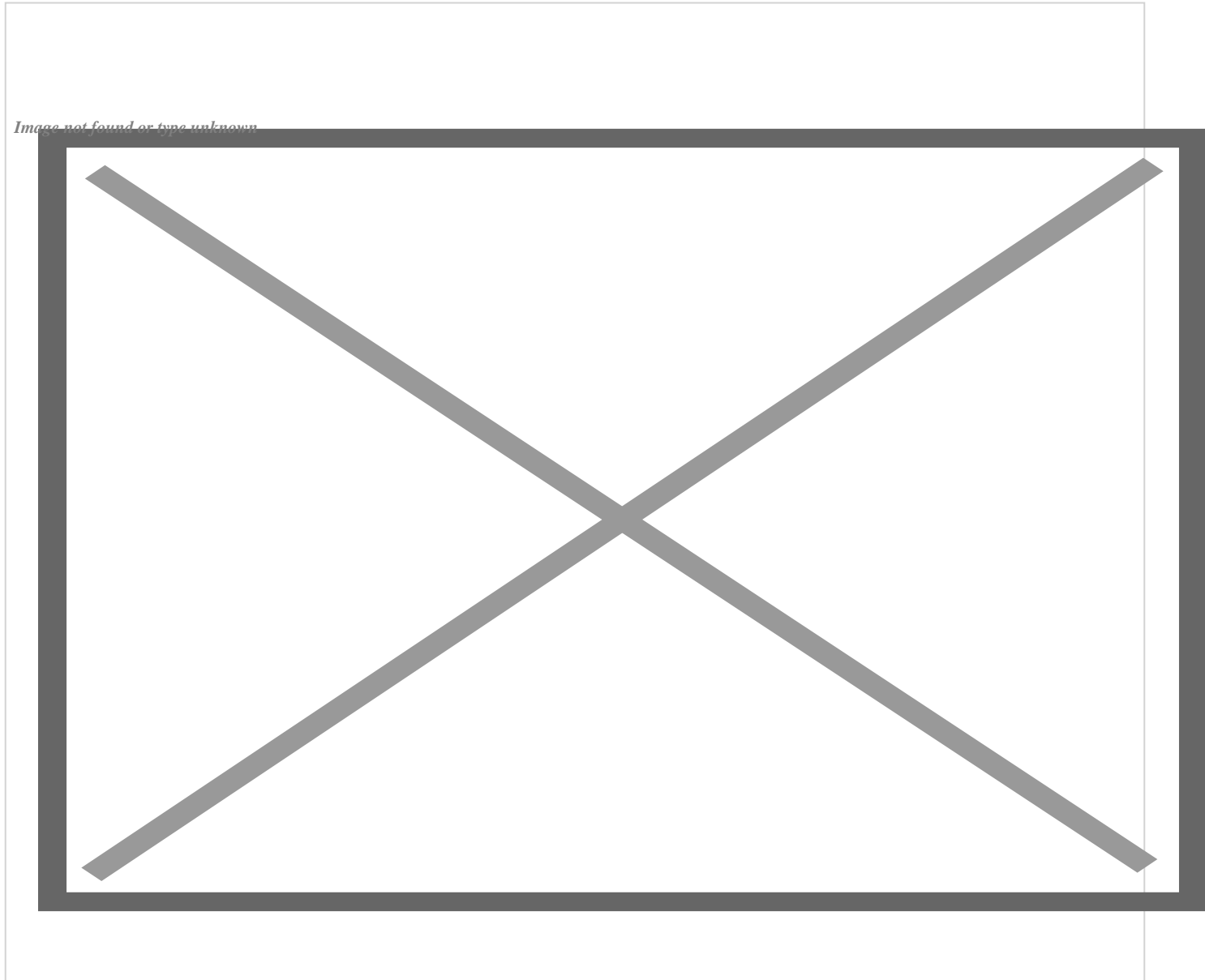


Foreign Minister rejects another U.S. hostile act against Cuba

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Havana, January 14 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez rejected a new coercive measure against his country announced by the U.S. Department of Commerce, which he described as politically motivated.

On Twitter, Rodríguez said that every action of the Donald Trump administration towards the island 'is especially aimed at strangling the Cuban economy and boycotting prospects of a respectful relationship' between both countries.

On Thursday, the Bureau of Industry and Security of the U.S. Department of Commerce established new controls for the export of technologies and specific activities that could presumably serve military intelligence

in China, Cuba, Russia, Venezuela, and other nations that supposedly support terrorism.

According to a press released on the U.S. government agency website, the modification is intended to 'prevent U.S. citizens from supporting unauthorized weapons of mass destruction programs.

The Department of Commerce also designated Cuba as a 'foreign adversary' under a Trump Executive Order granting the Secretary of Commerce the authority to prohibit certain transactions that pose a risk to U.S. security in information and communications technologies.

"We cannot allow foreign military intelligence organizations of our adversaries in China, Cuba, Russia, Venezuela, Iran and other nations that support terrorists to benefit from U.S. technology or services to support their destabilizing activities," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross.

The measures should take effect on March 16, according to the Commerce Department's publication.

Last Monday, Washington included the Caribbean nation again in the list of countries that supposedly are sponsors of terrorism, widely rejected by the international community.

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