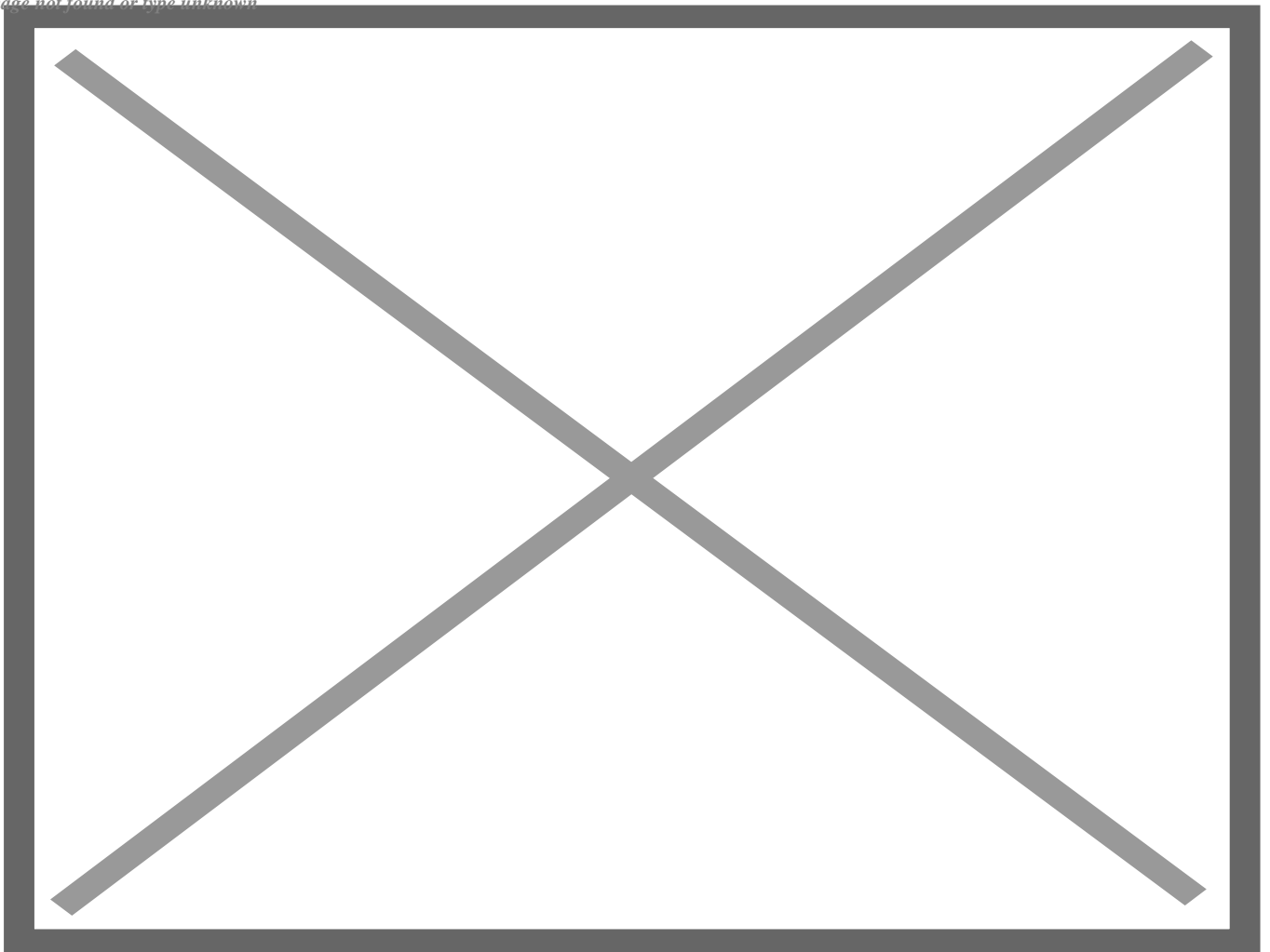


# *Cuba to prioritize economic transformation and reopening of borders announces Díaz-Canel*

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**President Miguel Diaz-Canel speaks at the closing of the Seventh Regular Session of the Ninth Legislature of the Cuban Parliament.**

Havana, October 29 (RHC) Cuba today prioritizes economic transformation, reopening borders, mass anti-Covid-19 vaccination, and popular dialogue, amid the global crisis and the U.S. siege, stressed the

country's President, Miguel Díaz-Canel.

Speaking Thursday at the closing of the Seventh Regular Session of the Ninth Legislature, the President expressed optimism about the nation's capacity to face these challenges and improve the socialist revolutionary process.

During his speech, the head of state called for greater citizen participation in government management, urged respect for the nation's heterogeneity, and strengthened the People's Power as the basis of the island's political system.

Díaz-Canel referred to one of the pressing problems of national life: inflation, and said that it is an issue whose solution is a priority for the government as part of the economic transformation process.

The President mentioned actions that demonstrate that Cuba does not stop, the approval of 43 measures to develop the socialist state enterprise, another 63 dedicated to boosting agricultural production, and the expansion of economic actors with the emergence of micro, small and medium enterprises.

He announced the deactivation of the Commission for the Implementation of the Guidelines. Their functions are now transferred to the Ministry of Economy and Planning as part of that organism's macro programs and projects.

The guidelines of the Communist Party define the national strategy for boosting the economy and facing the global crisis generated by the Covid-19 in the face of the new scenarios, without renouncing the development towards 2030.

The head of state mentioned as one of the main strengths of the Antillean nation the fact of being the first country in Latin America with three vaccines of its own and two vaccine candidates and the first to immunize its population between two and 18 years of age.

He remarked that the number of sick and dead people due to Covid-19 had dropped considerably in the last few weeks, which places the island in a favorable position to reopen its borders and promote the economic-social reopening.



The President stressed that all this is happening despite the economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed by the United States, which is part of Washington's interference in internal affairs.

Díaz-Canel denounced the connection of diplomatic representatives of that northern territory in Havana with the ongoing campaign to destabilize the Caribbean nation.

In this sense, he rejected the promotion of an illegal march in Cuba, aligned with the interests of the U.S. government, which at the same time cites and violates the Cuban Constitution.

'This demonstration ceases to be peaceful because the promoters seek to alter social life, the constitutional order and all this is done following a script connected with the political interests of a foreign government that has maintained for six decades an economic war against our country,' he stressed.

In other moments of his speech, the Head of State highlighted the legal strength of the nation to face events such as these and distinguished the recent approval by the Parliament of four laws that constitute an unprecedented procedural reform in the legislative body.



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