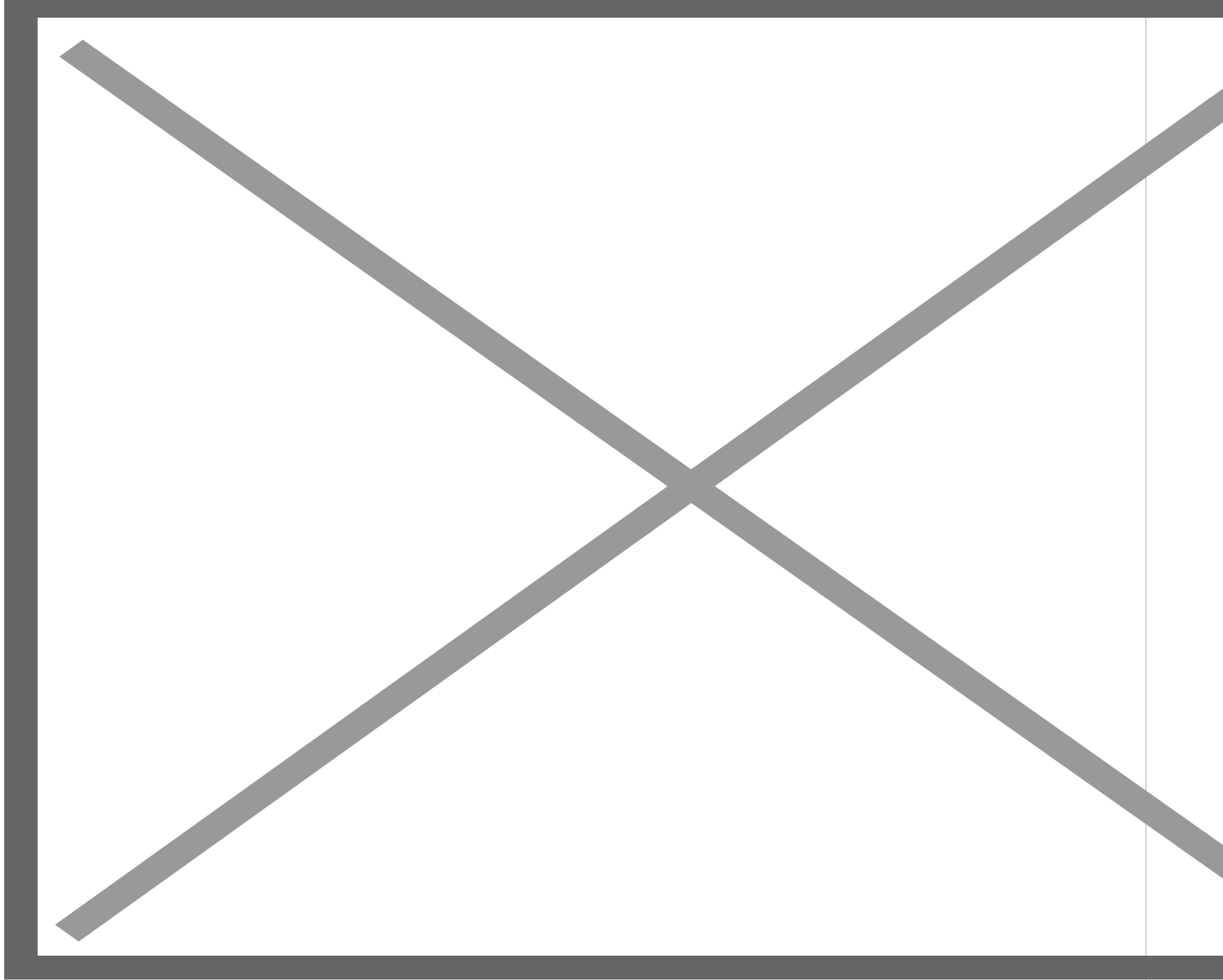


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Havana, July 8 (RHC) Six thematic workshops were held today in the "Marcelino Camacho" auditorium in Madrid, under the coordination of MEP Manu Pineda, with a view to the Peoples' Summit that will take place in Brussels.

In the introduction to the workshop called *Blockades and Sanctions of imperialism against the peoples*, Pineda commented on the importance of renewing solidarity strategies with countries like Cuba, Venezuela, and Palestine.

The United Left (IU) MEP stressed that in the face of the Spanish Presidency of the EU, general elections on the near horizon in the Iberian country, and the persistence of coercive measures by the United States, raising your voice is absolutely urgent in favor of the Latin Americans.

He admitted that sometimes they tell him that he always gives Cuba a leading role in his speeches and in this regard, Pineda highlighted the role of the Caribbean island as a beacon and example throughout more than 60 years of Revolution for Latin America and the third world in general.

Araceli Escudero, for the State Movement of Solidarity with Cuba (MESC), pointed out that together with the "sick and obsessive incidence" of different US administrations since the triumph of the Revolution, now Cuba is once again facing the unfair inclusion in the list of countries allegedly collaborating with terrorism.

Escudero recalled that Washington's siege of the island cost Cubans more than a trillion dollars in losses, in addition to suffering the consequences of the pandemic and the rise in market prices due to the war in Ukraine.

She confirmed the announcement before Manu Pineda that on November 16 and 17 an International Tribunal will be held in Brussels to denounce the blockade against Cuba, condemned by an overwhelming majority in the United Nations since 1992.

For her part, Mónica Saíz, counselor of the Venezuelan Embassy in Spain, expressed her hope that the EU-Celac Summit marks a new starting point, in a relationship that has hitherto been unequal in which the community bloc applies sanctions unilaterally.

During the day, the problems facing Palestine with the escalation of aggressions from Israel were also analyzed; coups and the rise of the extreme right; external debt, trade and multinationals; natural resources, human rights and migrations; peace, justice and solidarity; feminisms, ecological transition and native peoples.

Pineda stressed that he hopes for a respectful and constructive meeting between the EU and Celac, but he also expressed his fear that some circles of the European community bloc intend to impose their recipes, aligned with the United States.

The Chargé d'Affaires of the Cuban Embassy in Spain, Indira Groero, attended the preparatory meetings for the People's Summit that will be held parallel to the Summit of the European Union

and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States. (Source: PL)

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