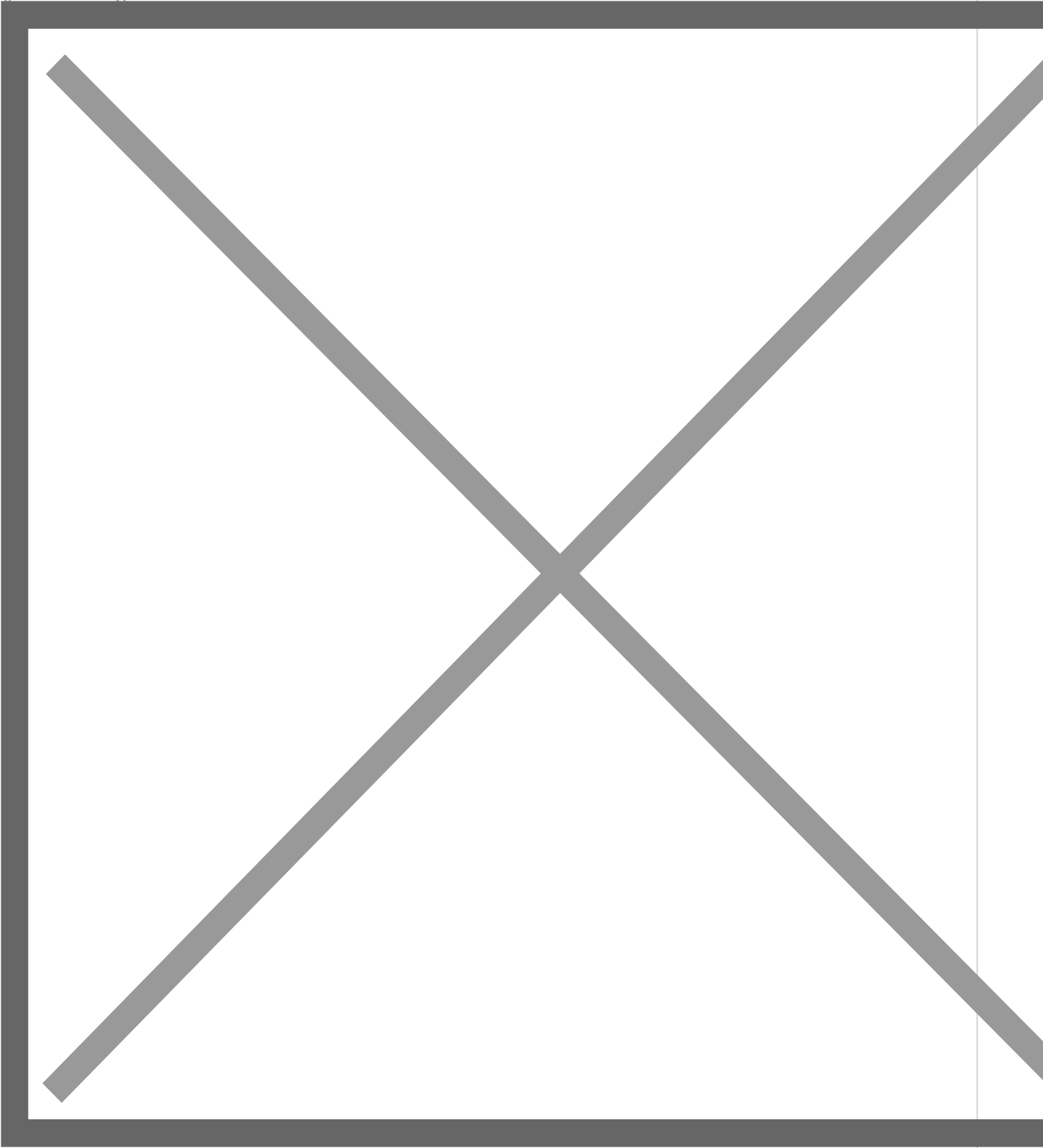


*President of the Cuban  
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Havana, September 19 (RHC)- The president of the National Assembly of People's Power of Cuba, Esteban Lazo, received on Monday Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister Tran Hong Ha, on an official visit to Havana after the conclusion of the G77 Summit.

At the legislative headquarters, Lazo welcomed Hong Ha, who highlighted the usefulness of the recently concluded Havana meeting for the adoption of collective and practical actions in the face of common problems for all nations.

The deputy head of the Vietnamese executive considered of great importance the theme proposed by Cuba in its role as president pro tempore of the G77 and the Asian Giant, since the challenges of science, technology and innovation in the destiny of humanity are enormous.

He also pointed out that the Caribbean island's leadership of this bloc of countries where 80 percent of the world's population lives will increase the prestige and recognition of the rest of the international community towards this United Nations mechanism.

He also expressed his confidence that Cuba's enormous prestige in the world due to its pacifist vocation and spirit of solidarity will help its people and government to overcome the current economic difficulties, increased by the U.S. blockade.

In this sense, he ratified the decision of the Communist Party of Vietnam, its government and people to continue supporting the Caribbean nation in all areas of common interest.

The leader of the Cuban Parliament and president of the Council of State of the Republic thanked the Asian country for its permanent support and cooperation with the Antillean nation and its categorical rejection of the U.S. blockade.

The meeting reviewed the status of compliance with binational collaboration agreements in the interest of strengthening comprehensive cooperation between the two countries.

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