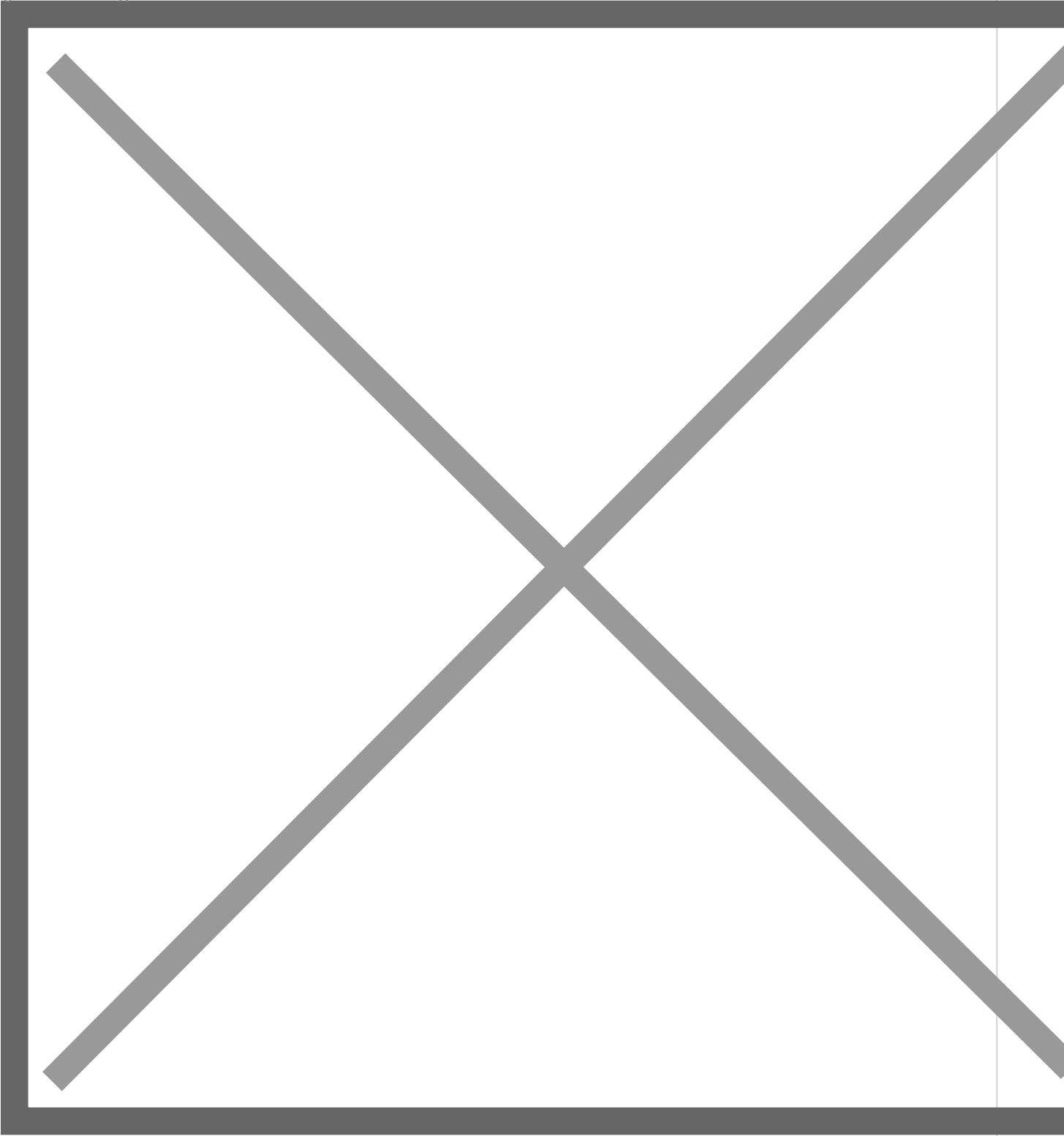


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Havana, Oct 10 (RH) Cuba advocated this Tuesday at UNESCO for a world without blockades or unilateral coercive measures and in which the right to development prevails over the prevailing unequal economic order.

In the continuation of the debates of the 217th session of the Executive Council of the organization, Cuban ambassador to UNESCO Yahima Esquivel warned about the growth of the abyss separating the rich from the poor and the increase in inequalities and extreme poverty.

Likewise, she denounced that in such a challenging scenario, some countries insist on imposing blockades with devastating consequences on the enjoyment of human rights, including the rights to development and food, such as the US economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba for more than six decades.

According to Esquivel, the structural problems of underdevelopment remain unsolved and multidimensional crises are accumulating.

This was recognized with concern by a hundred heads of State and Government who met in Havana last September during the Summit of the Group of 77, a forum in which they also insisted that peace is the most urgent priority of the community.

The island's ambassador stated in the Executive Council of UNESCO that the entity currently has all the tools to contribute to peace and the achievement of sustainable development based on the principles of justice, equality, freedom and solidarity. (Source: PL)

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