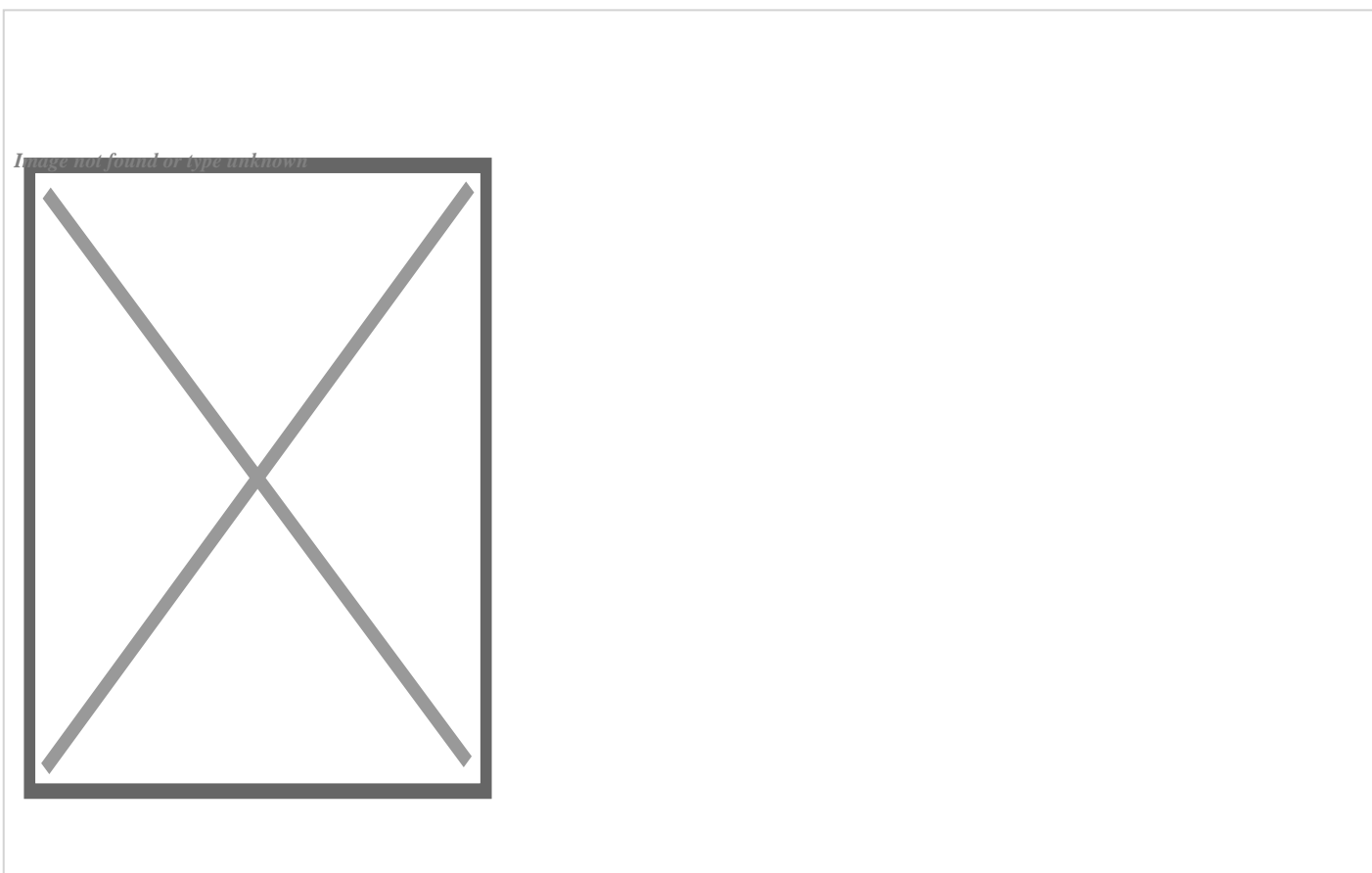


# *Mexican president condemns sanctions against Cuba and Venezuela*

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Mexico City, October 13 (RHC)-- The president of Mexico, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, reaffirmed this Friday his rejection of the unilateral coercive measures of the United States against Venezuela and the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by Washington for more than 60 years against Cuba.

"If a country is sanctioned, its people are affected, in addition to the fact that it is an act of interference. Who is harmed by a sanction against a country? Who is harmed by a blockade against a country? The people", said the President in his usual morning conference with respect to Venezuela.

In this sense, the Mexican head of state pointed out that certain sectors seek to maintain coercive measures in order to take economic and political advantage, while stressing that this is the case of the White House blockade against Cuba.

López Obrador referred to the dialogue process between the Venezuelan government and the opposition in pursuit of an agreement, which, if successful, he highlighted, would leave no pretext for "the unjust sanctions".

"We have information that members of the Government are meeting with members of the opposition. It is good that a negotiated, political solution is being sought, through democratic means in the case of Venezuela, and we also wish it for all countries", he stressed.

The Mexican president expressed his hope that everyone will be able to participate in the upcoming presidential elections to be held next year in the Bolivarian nation.

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