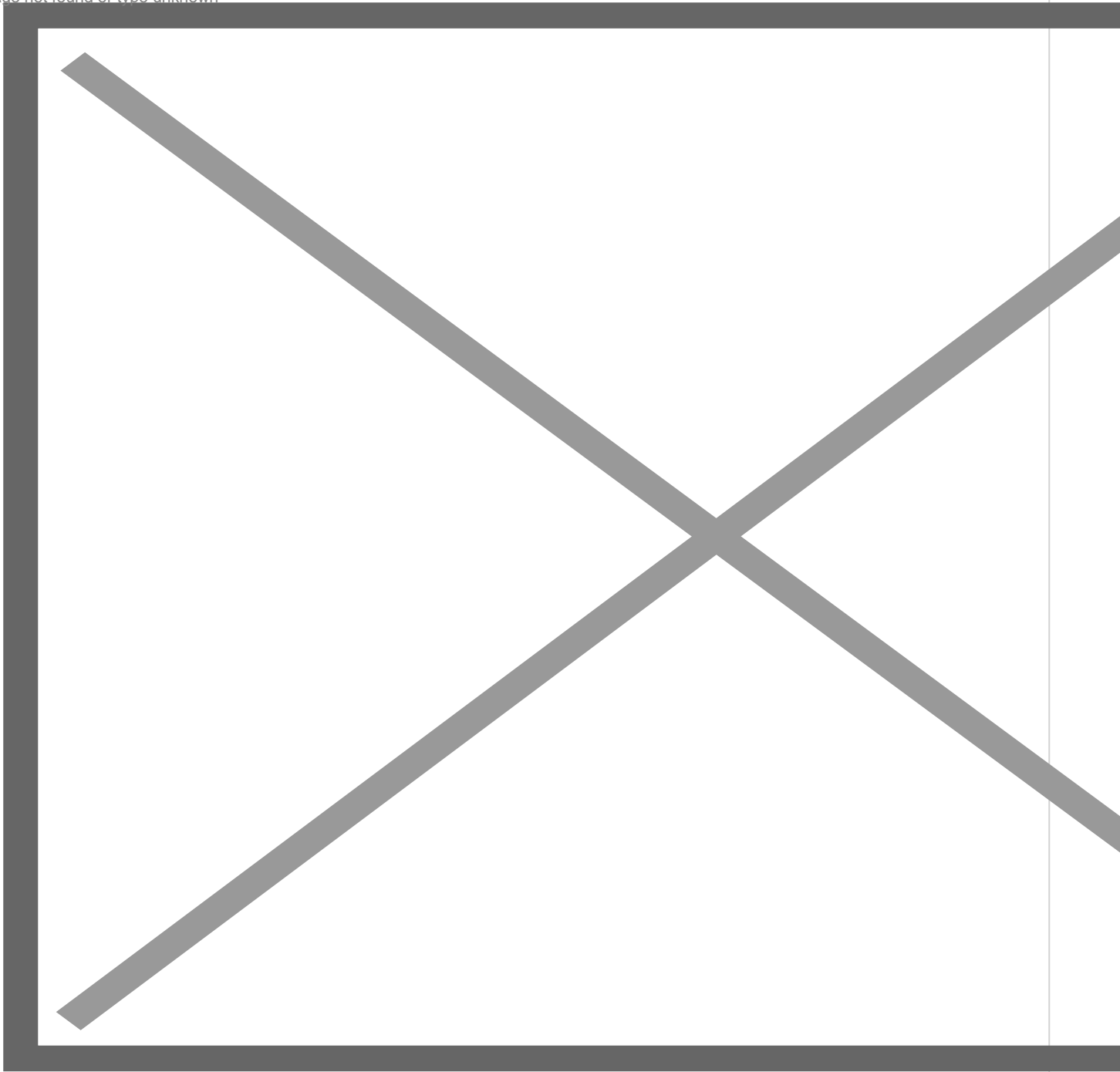


*Cuba condemns Israeli attacks
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Cuban Minister of Education Naima Ariatne Trujillo

Paris, November 9 (RHC) -- Cuba strongly condemned Thursday before the 42nd General Conference of UNESCO the Israeli bombings against the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip and advocated for the two-state solution.

In her speech at the forum's General Policy Debate, the island's Minister of Education, Naima Ariatne Trujillo repudiated the bombings in Gaza, one of the most densely populated territories on the planet, destroying homes, hospitals and civilian infrastructure.

In this regard, he denounced the humanitarian catastrophe being experienced by the Palestinian people, describing it as of Dantesque proportions and attributed it to the philosophy of dispossession, a consequence of 75 years of permanent violation of their inalienable rights and Israel's aggressive and expansionist policy.

"Cuba demands a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, on the basis of the creation of two States, which would allow the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination and to have an independent and sovereign State within the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital," he stressed.

In another moment of her speech, the Cuban Minister of Education supported on behalf of her country the call of UNESCO, and in particular of its Director General, Audrey Azoulay, to put international dialogue, cooperation and solidarity before political differences and conflicts.

From this same perspective, we reiterate our denunciation of the intensification of unilateral coercive measures imposed by some countries on others to the detriment of these principles, he said.

Cuba is one of those nations besieged, in its case by more than 60 years of an economic, commercial and financial blockade by the United States.

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