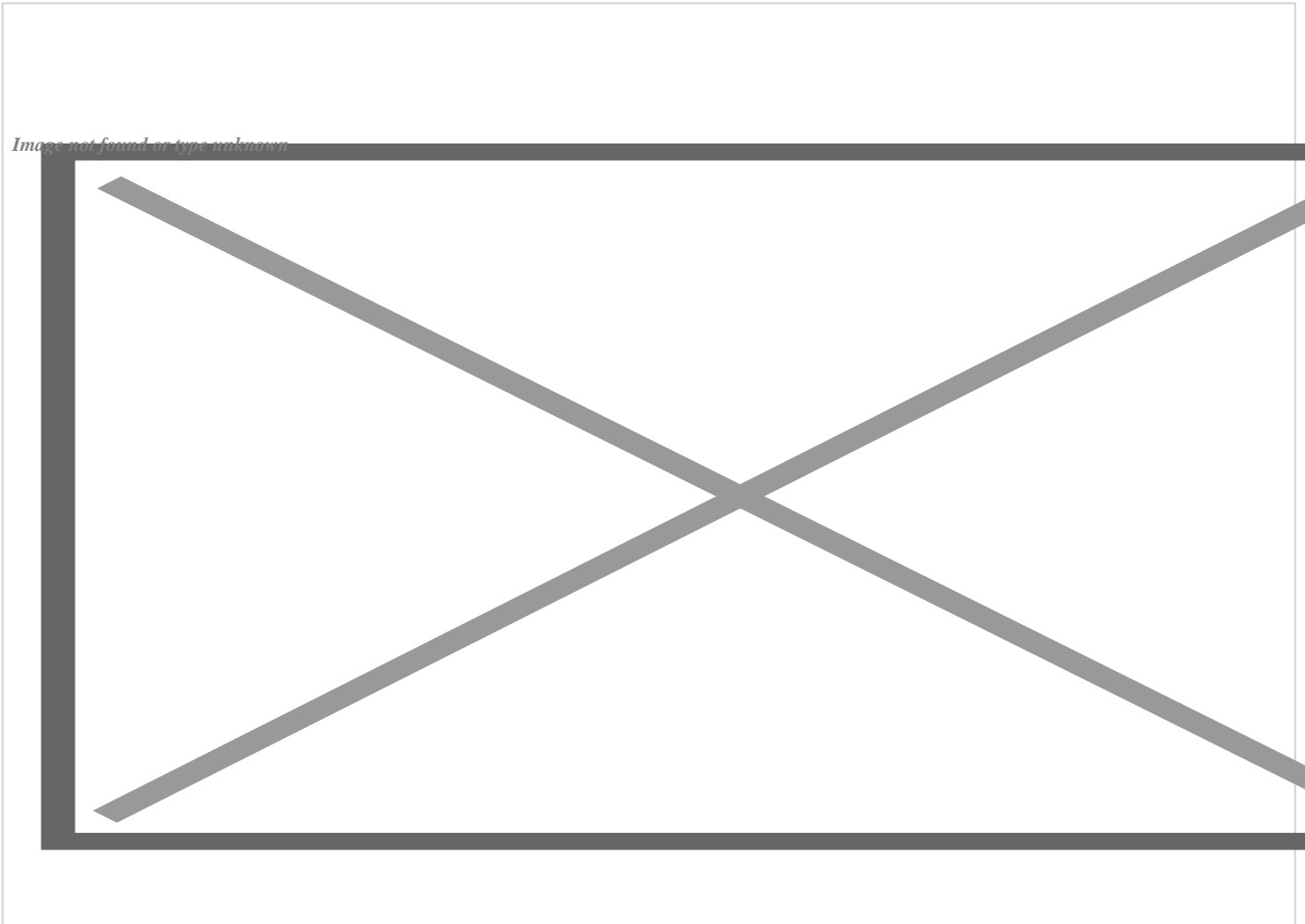


A citizen's prerogative that attracts maximum attention



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In Cuba, the protection of women's rights remains the focus of attention of authorities and political and social organizations.

In recent years, gender violence began to be examined in the country with greater intentionality and a more comprehensive vision, as befits situations of multi-causal origin.

The largest of the Antilles today has the National Program for the Advancement of Women, aimed at delving into objective and subjective affluents of the persistent expressions of discrimination, although the policy and principles advocated are opposed to that segregation.

In a recent meeting of the Communist Party, the governing body of the society, it was learned that the Council of Ministers, through a Vice Prime Minister and the Group of Attention to the National Program for the Advancement of Women, will coordinate the attention, follow-up and control of the strategy.

The Council of Ministers approved the Protocol for action in situations of discrimination, violence and harassment in the workplace, presented by the Ministry of Labor and Social Security.

In addition to increased community control over families and women vulnerable to gender-based violence, the aim is to achieve in Cuba a greater approximation to the particularities of informal work, where there is evidence of this type of extremism as well as discrimination and harassment.

In the face of this and other manifestations and in the heat of a specific approach, Cuban society is waiting for new fruits of the joint work between the Communist Party, the Supreme Court, the Attorney General's Office and the Ministries of the Interior and Justice.

In addition to all of the above, the Federation of Cuban Women is constantly working in the communities to contribute to a greater understanding of the need to prevent and reject anything that threatens the physical and psychological integrity of women and girls.

As part of the supervision of the full exercise of human rights, alerts are activated in Cuba to deal with manifestations of gender violence.

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