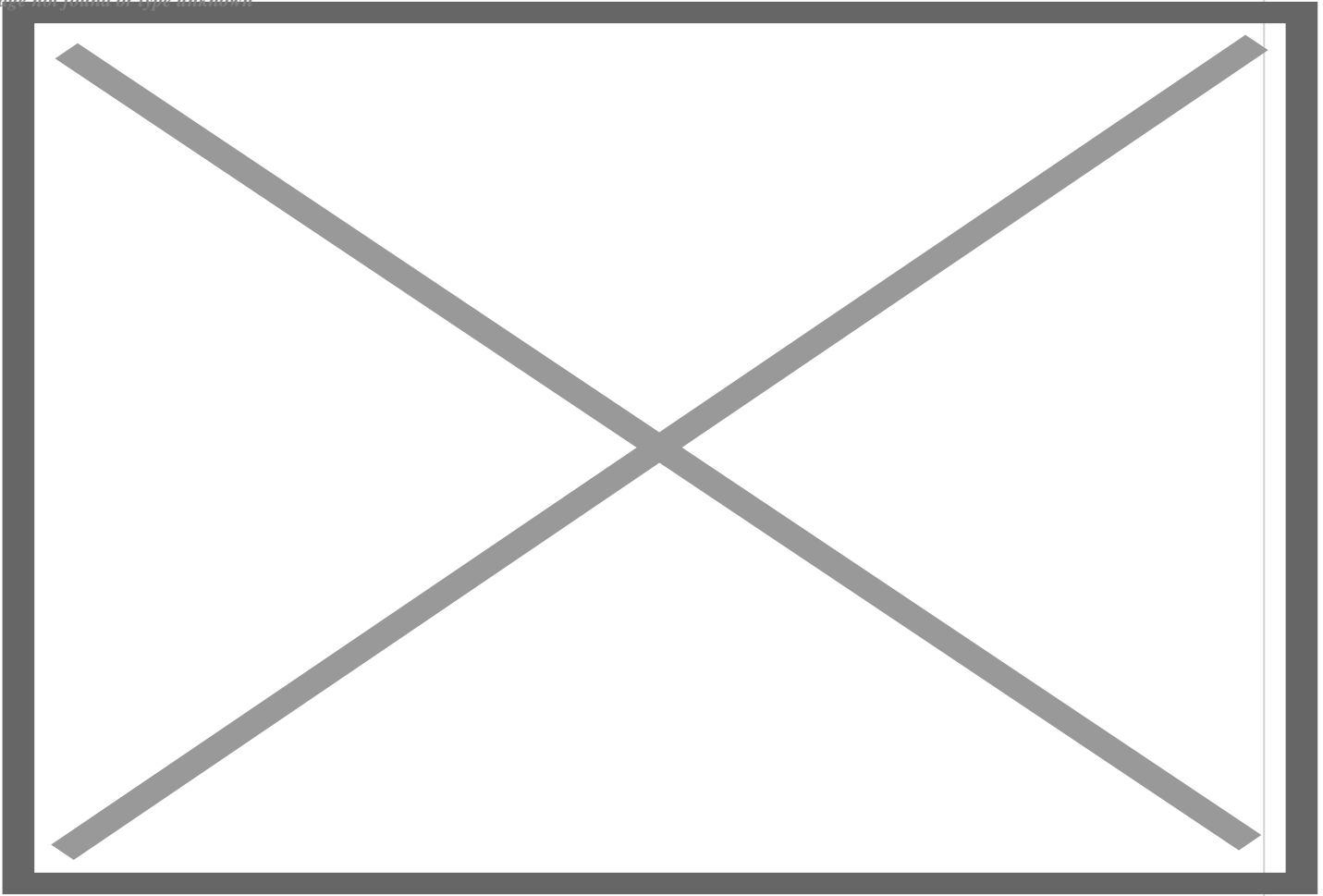


Cubans in other latitudes linked to their land

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Strengthening the relationship with Cuban nationals living abroad and their descendants is one of Cuba's foreign policy lines, hence the frequent activities with those people, generated by Havana's missions abroad.

The diplomatic representation of the largest of the Antilles in Washington hosted a meeting with representatives of different generations of Cubans and their successors, united by their love for their homeland.

Identified by the memory and attachment to experiences and traditions, diplomats, family members, support staff and guests at the meeting, sought the relationship with the roots and talked about the hard times that those who persevere in the Caribbean nation are going through.

As it happened in Washington, in other capitals, under the auspices of Cuban embassies, initiatives take place that help to bring closer the natives settled in other lands and all of them with the Caribbean archipelago.

Many ask how they can help their compatriots, who are suffering from severe material deprivation, energy shortages and deterioration of basic services that had been guaranteed for decades.

Although the natives of other regions are aware of the aggressive policies of the United States such as the blockade and the inclusion of Cuba in the list of countries that, according to Washington, sponsor terrorism, it is moving for them to receive first-hand experiences about the events in the land of José Martí.

It is true that such a provocative policy is associated with internal shortcomings, which are critically addressed, but if the blockade were to end, the largest of the Antilles could recover the road to wellbeing.

The most fruitful thing would be for Cuba and the United States to try to build a new type of relationship based on respect and equality and that differences do not make it the center of the ties, as stated in Havana by the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Josefina Vidal.

But the opening of doors does not seem tangible for the moment and even former President Donald Trump is talking about stoking the fire if he returns to the White House.

Then we must take advantage of the holes in the siege, as Cubans do in various nations, including the United States, the latter through the so-called caravans against the blockade.

Because, as stated by activist Carlos Lazo, suffocating the Cuban economy causes pain and death.

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