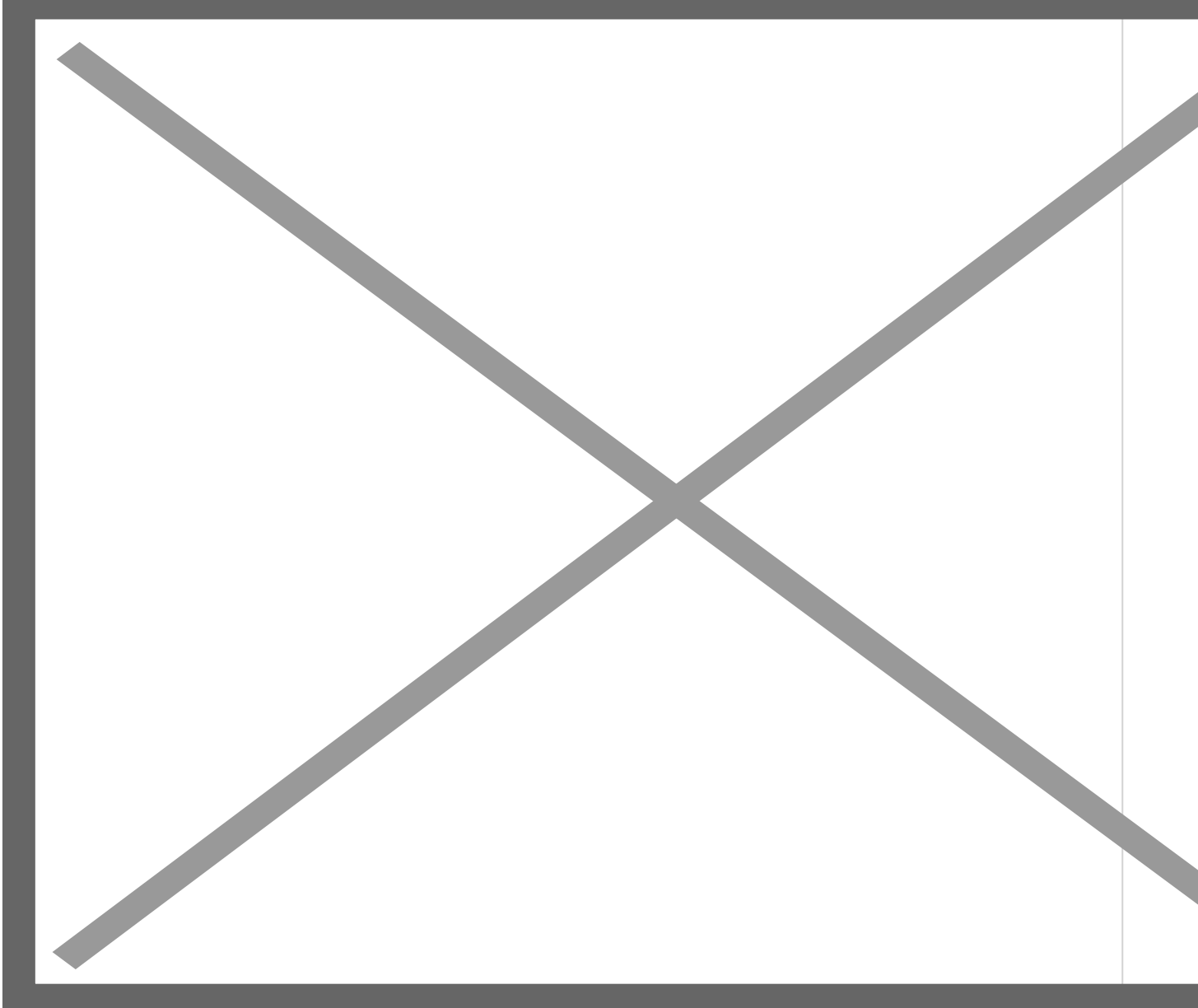


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Havana, May 31 (RHC) -- Cuba's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Anayansi Rodríguez described Cuba's presence at the International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) that concluded this Thursday in the city of Saint John as very important.

According to Rodríguez, this shows the relevance Cuba gives to the SIDS—of which it is part—, to their specific vulnerabilities, to their special conditions to face everything related to sustainable development, including the confrontation with climate change.

The presence of the Cuban delegation, headed by Vice President Salvador Valdés Mesa, was also a show of solidarity with Antigua and Barbuda, host of the event, with all SIDS and with the Caribbean.

The vice minister highlighted the high level of participation in the event, of more than five thousand personalities, representatives of governments and civil society, linked to various topics that help confront climate change.

She reported that the island's delegation intervened in the general debate and insisted on essential aspects that were later addressed in the Final Declaration document of this international conference, as published on the website of the Cuban presidency.

Cuba spoke and defended the need for a rethinking of the current unequal international economic order, as well as a refoundation of the international financial architecture, necessary to address the particularities and peculiarities of developing countries in general and in particular the small islands.

It also demanded the need to comply with the agreed commitments in terms of official development assistance, and with what was agreed upon in successive conferences of the parties to the United Nations Framework convention on climate change.

In this space, the Cuban delegation denounced Washington's the economic, commercial and financial blockade, intensified to unprecedented levels, in addition to the country's inclusion in the list of states sponsoring terrorism. (Source: PL)

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