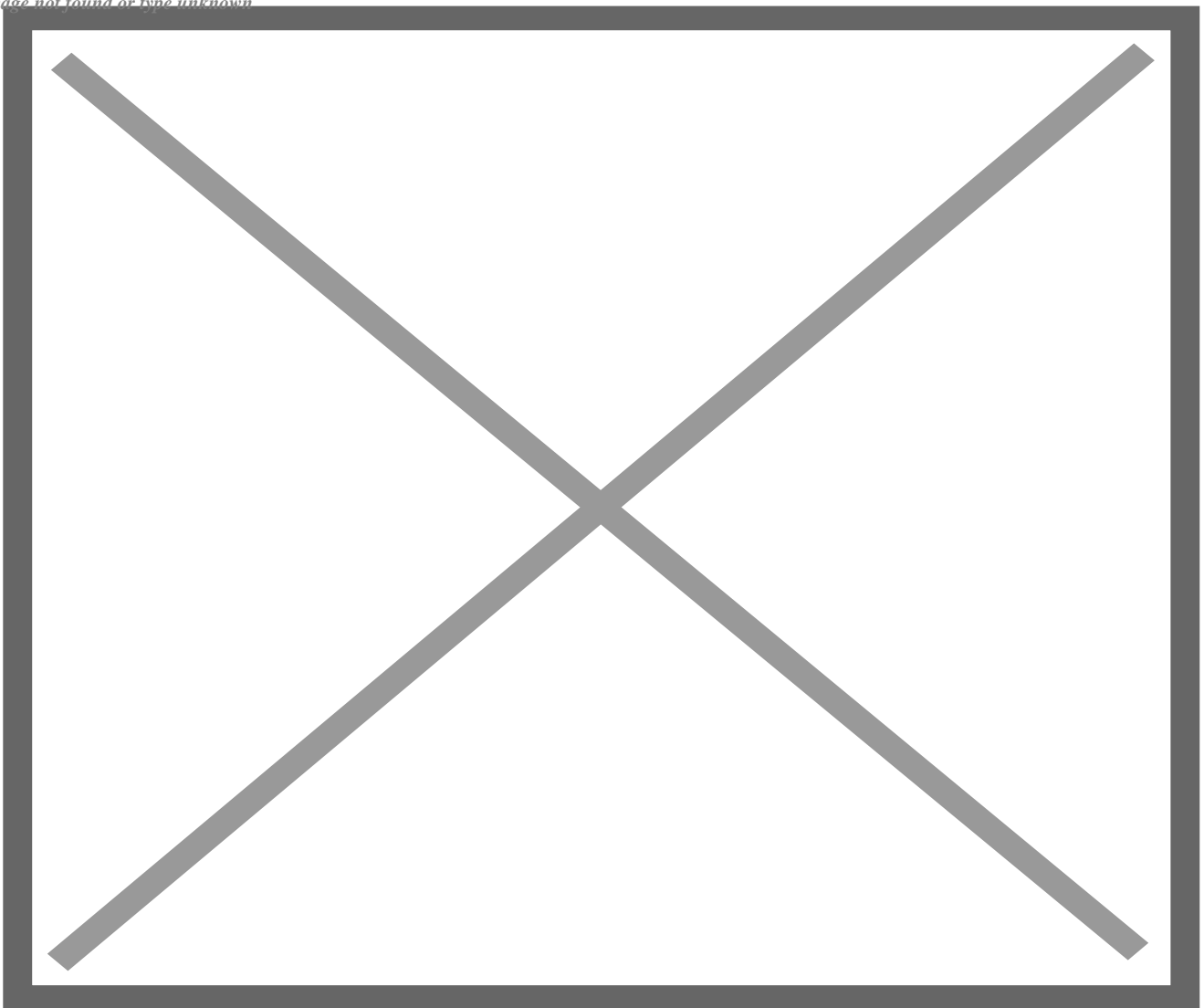


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**Diaz-Canel: Blockade against Cuba is an act of genocide**

Havana, September 13 (RHC)-- The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel, denounced this Friday that the blockade imposed by the United States on the island is a crime, an act of genocide and a massive violation of the rights of millions of Cubans.

In his account on X, the Cuban leader pointed out that the destructive impact of the blockade is the result of the unilateral and aggressive policy of the U.S. Government. "Cuba will not give up its fight," he assured.

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez reported yesterday that as a result of Washington's siege, Cuba suffered losses of five billion 56.8 million dollars, from March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024.

He stated this when releasing the report 'Need to end the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of America against Cuba', which will be presented next October for approval by the United Nations General Assembly.

"If such a policy did not exist, the island's Gross Domestic Product could have grown by eight percent during 2023," he stressed.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs specified that the arbitrary inclusion of Cuba in the list of countries that supposedly sponsor terrorism deepens the difficulties and significantly affects Cuban families.

Since 1992, the international community has ratified its rejection of the blockade, reinforced to unprecedented levels during the impact of Covid-19, with the stated purpose of strangling the country's economy to provoke a change of government. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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