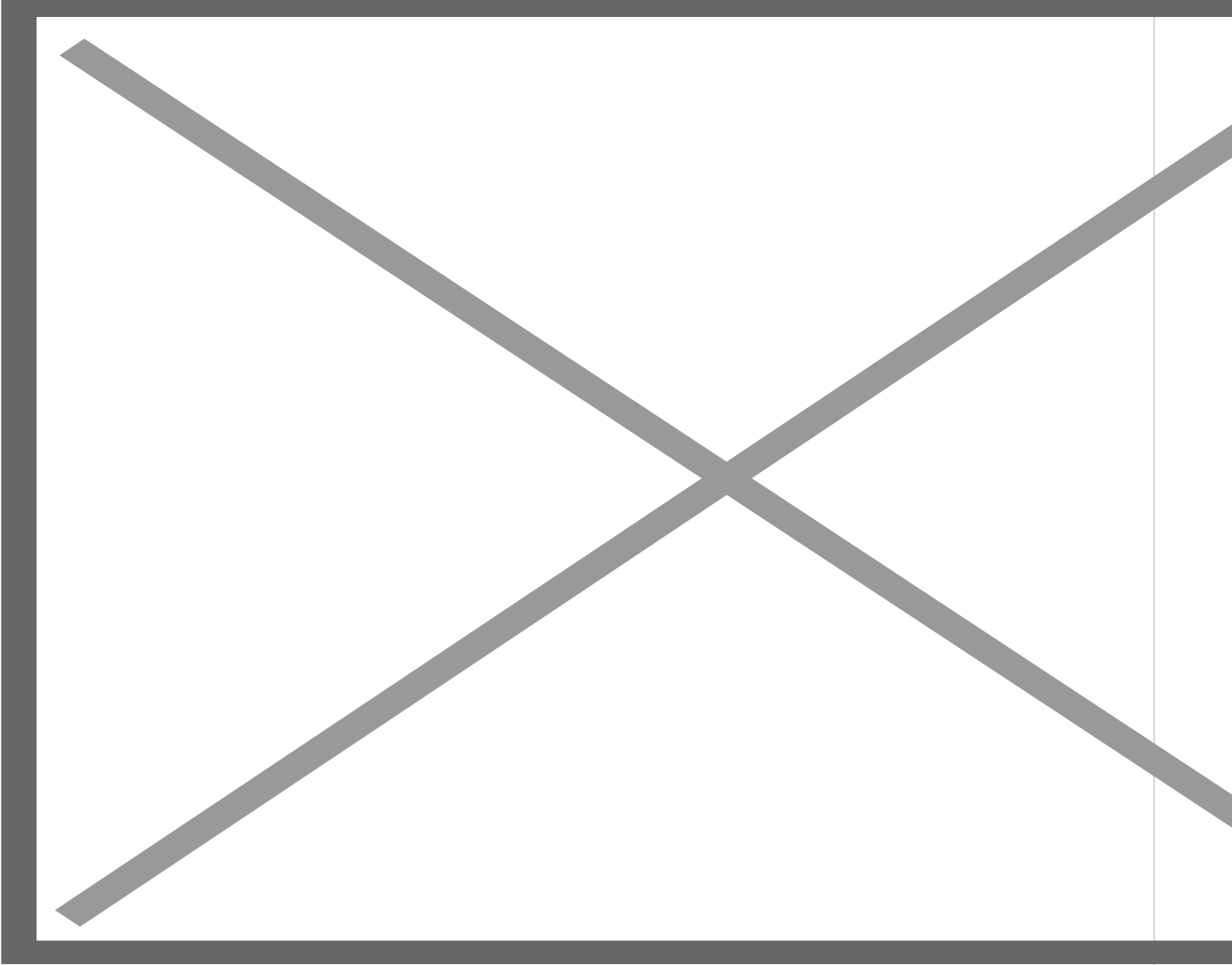


Venezuelan foreign minister highlights the importance of the Geneva Agreement

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Jorge Arreaza regretted that "Guyana (...) has resisted, has hindered (...) the political settlement." | (Photo: VTV)

Caracas, February 18 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza highlighted this Thursday at the Diplomacy for Peace Meeting the importance of the Geneva Agreement to promote dialogue in the solution of the conflict between Venezuela and Guyana over the dispute of the territory of Guayana Esequiba.

"Diplomacy, dialogue are imposed. It is imposed that two neighbors facing a dispute can find a satisfactory solution for both", said the minister in the aforementioned meeting, where the Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, and experts in diplomatic matters are also participating.

The head of the Venezuelan diplomacy recalled that on February 17, 1966, the Geneva Agreement was born, an international instrument that establishes dialogue, the power to settle conflict situations between the signatory countries.

"Guyana is, Venezuela is, and in this way the territory in dispute with Guyana of the Essequiba Guiana should be resolved", he emphasized. "It is the right path. These are aspects that must be analyzed, that must be put on the table", he added.

Arreaza reiterated the call, on behalf of the Venezuelan Government, to resolve the controversy within the framework of the sovereignty of the peoples without foreign interference. "The implementation of the Geneva Agreement demonstrates the spirit of the parties," he acknowledged.

"Unfortunately Guyana, as the speakers have also denounced, has resisted, has hindered this path to a political settlement, and has rather denounced Venezuela as an aggressor, especially after the Port of Spain protocol," he warned.

It is worth mentioning that the South American nation reaffirmed on March 6, 2006 the addition of one more star to the national flag to incorporate the region of Guayana Esequiba, as established in Simón Bolívar's Decree of November 20, 1817 regarding the eight provinces of the nascent Venezuela.

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