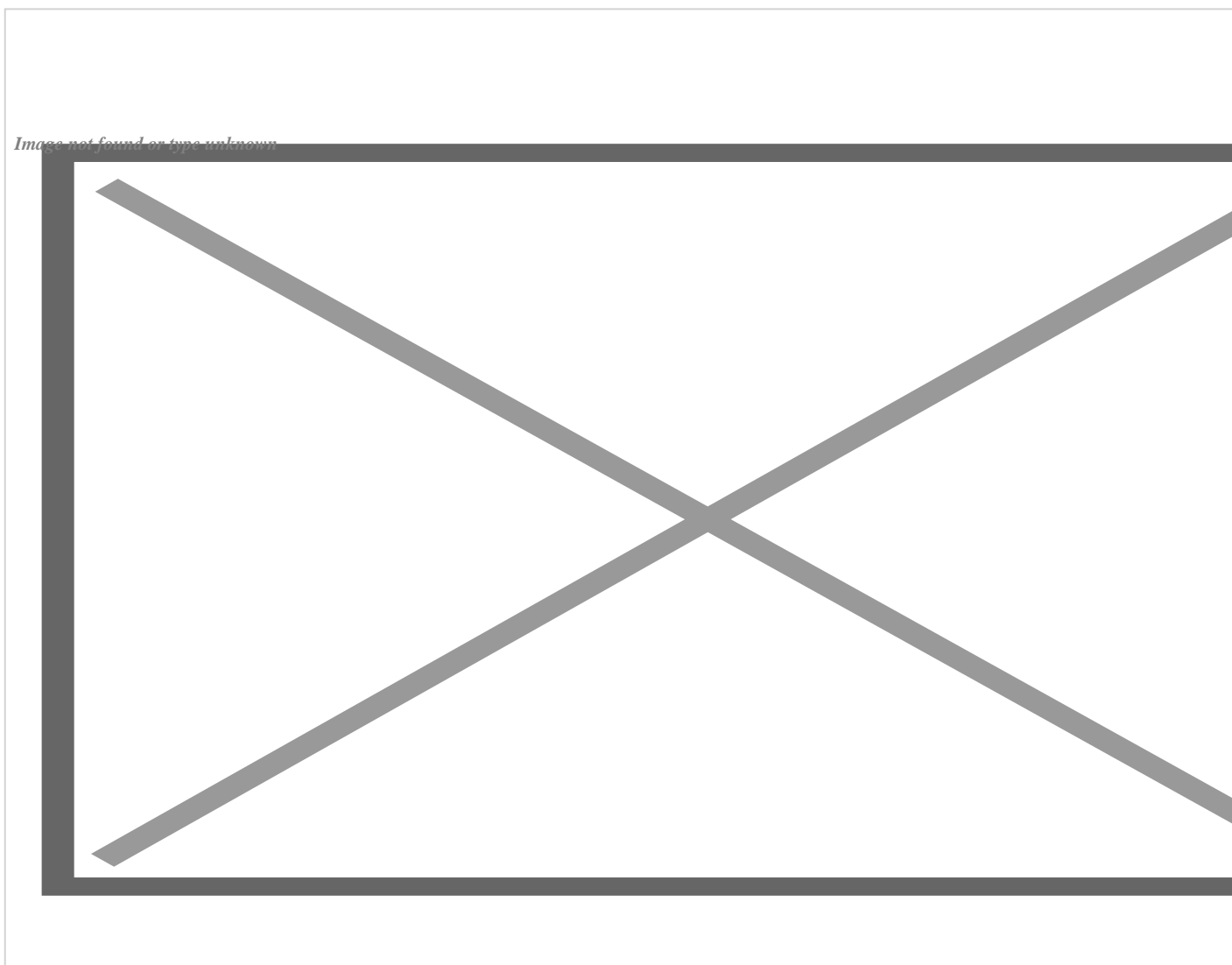


Profound response from the South to the G77 and China Summit



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With clear proposals for lines of work, the Group of 77 and China successfully completed its summit meeting in Havana, organized by Cuba with the support of the members.

This productive meeting turned into a tangible incentive for the extension of South-South cooperation, with positive results.

Everyone was able to express their points of view, despite the fact that more than one hundred countries

were represented.

The largest of the Antilles, with effective logistical support, but austere given the accentuated material shortages due to the U.S. blockade and other reasons, fulfilled its role as host with precision.

It was noteworthy that the final Declaration, the draft of which was agreed upon in previous negotiations in the host country, stressed the rejection of the imposition of laws with extraterritorial impact and all forms of coercive economic measures.

That letter, plus the calls of statesmen and other heads of delegations to put an end to the blockade against Cuba, highlighted the isolation of the United States for the siege against the land of José Martí and almost thirty other nations.

In addition to the numerous voices of solidarity with the Caribbean country, as was foreseen in the agenda, there was also an analysis and presentations on science and technology.

The members of the Group of 77 and China denounced the injustices that restrict the development of the countries of the global South.

They also called for the promotion of new policies for sustainable and inclusive productive development, which are essential for poor and developing countries to boost their technological and innovation capacities.

The high-level meeting also noted the existence of numerous channels for multilateral cooperation at the disposal of the largest bloc within the UN, with 134 members.

Of course, all this is becoming more complex as the industrialized North is reluctant to listen to demands, such as those made in Havana, for the creation of a new world order and a different financial architecture.

However, by agreement of those gathered, concrete steps can be taken to protect access to the usefulness of science, technology and innovation.

Thus, even in difficult circumstances due to geostrategic tensions and damage to food chains, the possibility of changing the planet through the joint efforts of the nations of the South, as Cuban Prime Minister Manuel Marrero said, is opening the way.

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