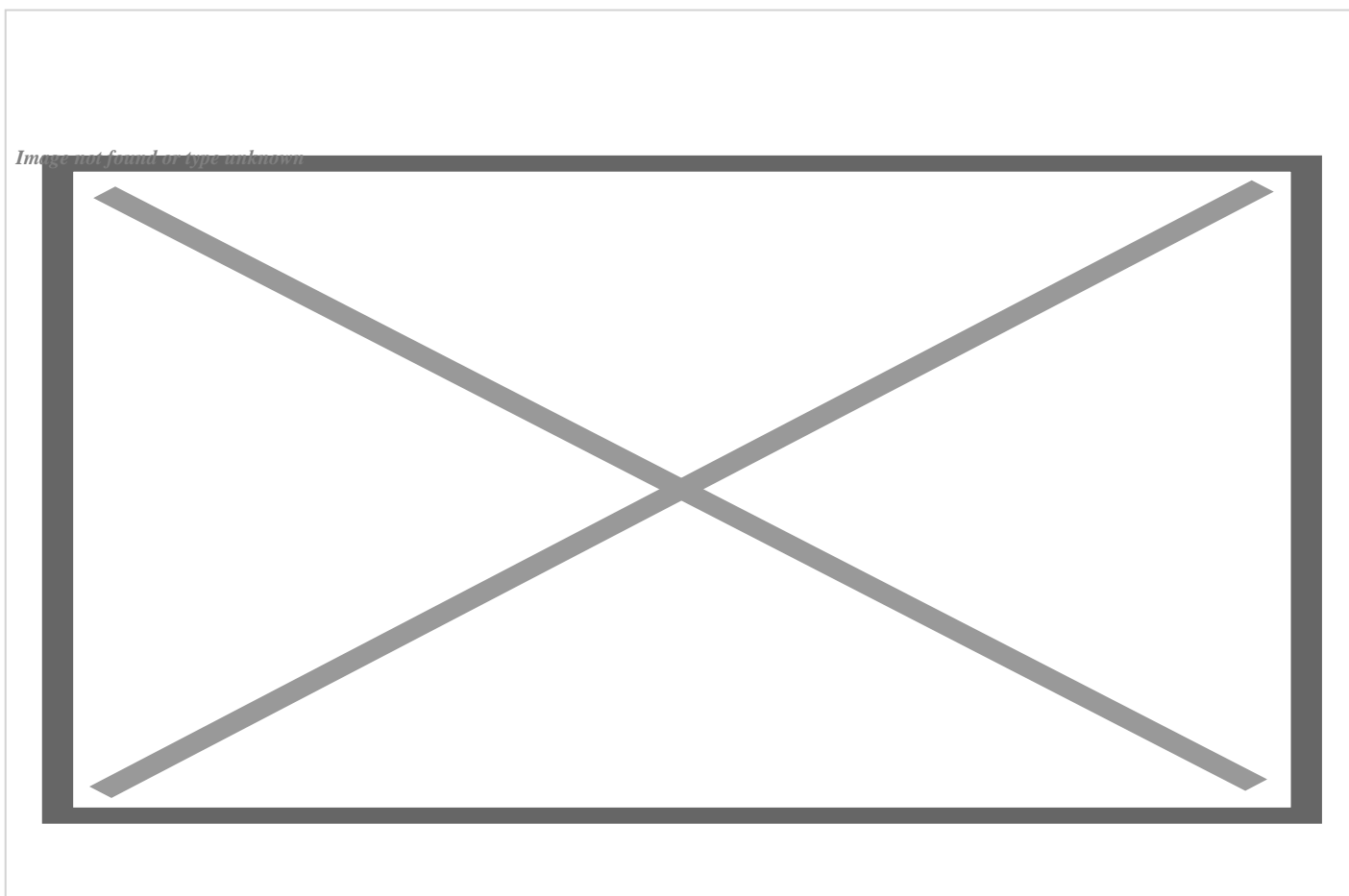


Rwandan president receives visiting Cuban vice president



Havana, November 20 (RHC) -- Rwandan President Paul Kagame received on Monday at the Urugwiro Villa (official residence of the head of state) the vice president of Cuba, Salvador Valdés Mesa, who is carrying out the first working day of his official visit to that African nation.

In a message on the social network X, the Rwandan Presidency informed that both parties discussed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation, and highlighted the long-standing relations between the two countries, especially in the education and health sectors.

"Upon being received this Monday by the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, I expressed our satisfaction for the momentum that economic-commercial relations between the two countries have had and ratified Cuba's interest in reaching a higher moment in them," wrote in that same social network, the also member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Cuba about the exchange.

For its part, the Cuban Presidency said in X that Valdes Mesa thanked the Rwandan president for his support to his country in the fight against the economic, commercial and financial blockade of the United States.

Kagame highlighted the example of resilience that Cuba constitutes for Rwanda, and affirmed that Havana will always count on the friendship and support of African countries, which feel its closeness.

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Today, the vice president of the largest Antillean island also met with Kalinda François Xavier, president of the Rwandan Senate, to whom he ratified the willingness of the Cuban Parliament to work to strengthen economic and political relations between the two countries.

The senior Rwandan official considered that Valdés Mesa's visit is the beginning of a new moment in the long period of bilateral relations that the two nations have experienced and will continue to experience.

The vice president heads a Cuban delegation on a tour of Africa, which since last November 13 has visited Ghana, Guinea-Bissau and Ethiopia. (Source: ACN)

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