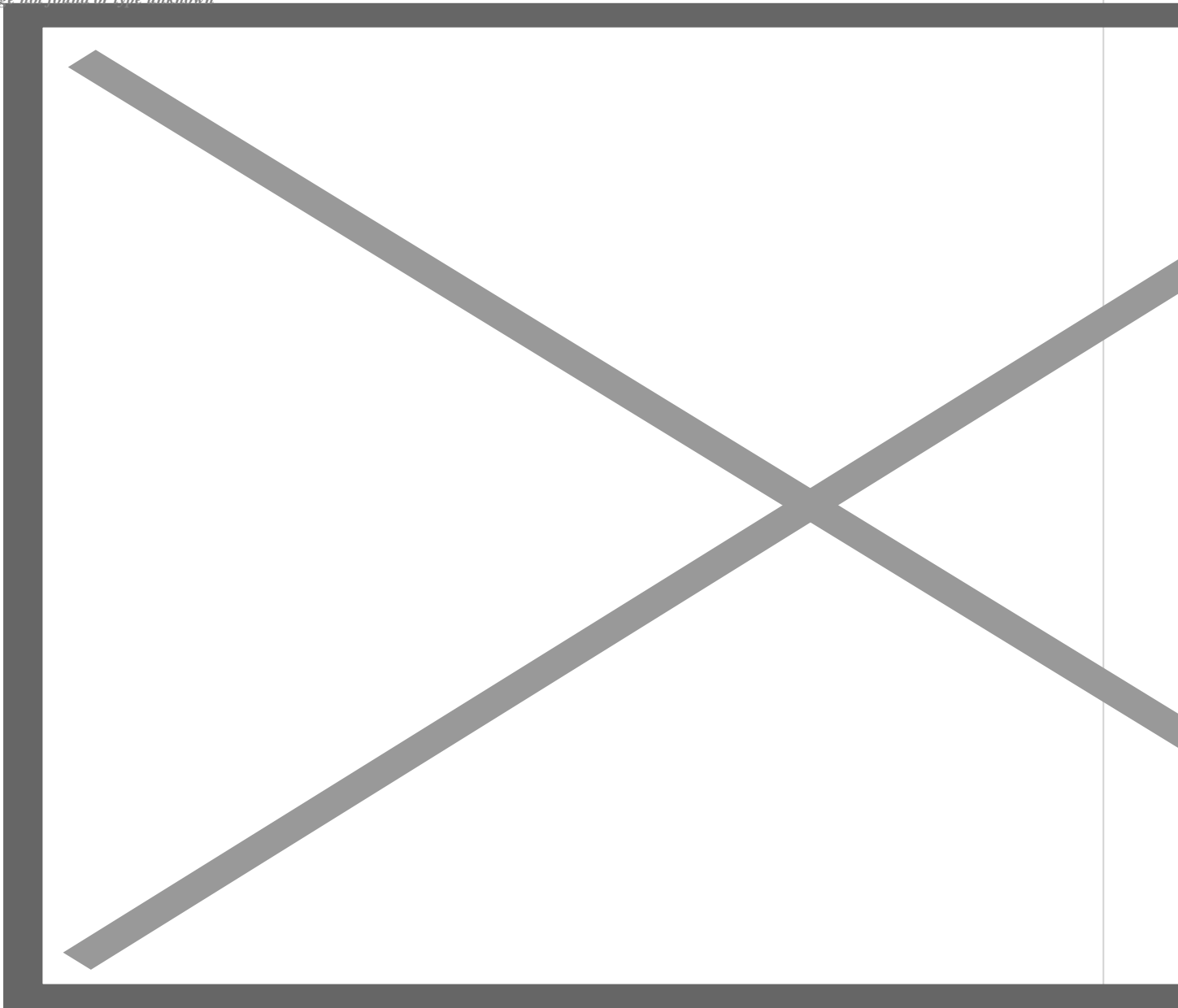


Stellar moments in diplomacy and in the operating room

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The Mexican government, headed by President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, is carrying out an ambitious program to increase levels of health care for people without access to social security, and has the cooperation of Cuba.

The Mexican Social Security Institute carries out incessant work, guided by its general director, Zoé Robledo Aburto (in the photo), who visited Havana.

Robledo Aburto reported in recent days the incorporation of more than 5 thousand native general physicians to health centers.

The new group will join the more than 3,600 who currently work in basic and community hospitals in remote areas of 23 states.

These are community hospitals, comprehensive, in highly marginalized regions, which is why Mexican professionals have an additional bonus to fulfill their mission.

López Obrador insisted on the fulfillment of his commitment to have a quality health system and predicted universal medical care at the end of his mandate.

In this broad plan, the contribution of the largest of the Antilles is modestly included, from where just over 700 doctors went to work in the sister country.

To expand cooperation, not only based on sending health professionals, Zoé Robledo traveled to Havana.

It is timely to highlight that the work of the doctors of the Caribbean nation today settled in hospitals and communities, adds to that of their Mexican colleagues to strengthen the First Level of care and does not replace them.

This is how part of the media wanted to present it, YouTubers mostly based in Miami and the so-called independent press, financed from abroad.

On the one hand they are trying to boycott a social justice program so requested by Mexicans and on the other they are trying to dismantle Cuban international health collaboration agreements, with the purpose of cutting off sources of financial resources to Havana.

They do not say that the income obtained by Cuba in this way is reverted to the expansion of the free health service, subject to deficiencies due to the US blockade.

In the face of these perverse actions, it is appropriate to highlight a statement by Zoé Robledo: "This is one of the stellar moments in the relationship that exists at the tables of diplomacy and now in the operating rooms of hospitals. That is one of the best ways in which two towns can link together."

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