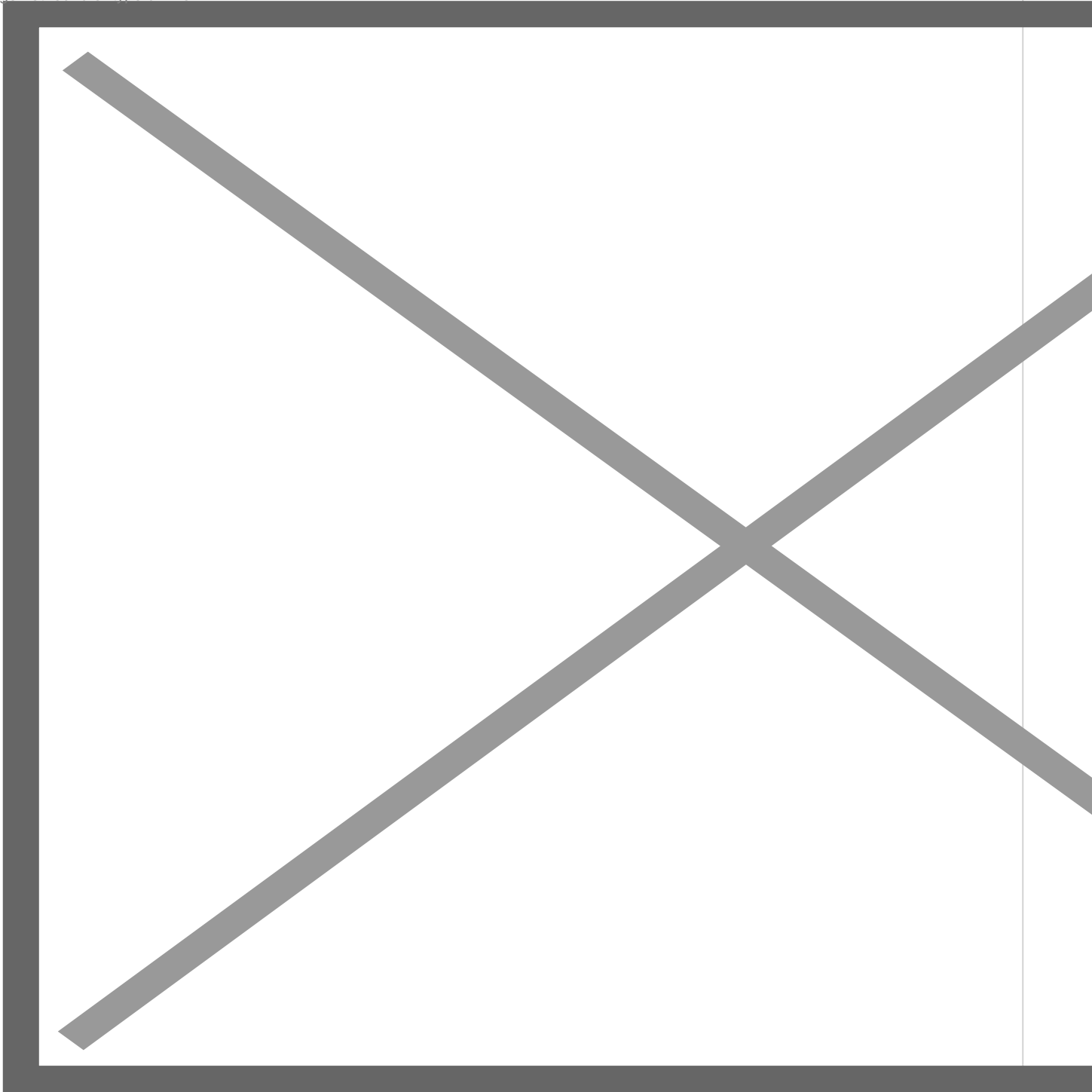


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Caracas, December 14 (RHC)-- The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) will hold this Saturday in Caracas the XXIV Summit of Heads of State and Government.

This summit meeting will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean integration bloc, on the initiative of commanders Hugo Chávez (1954-2013) and Fidel Castro Ruz (1926-2016), who signed the founding agreement on December 14, 2004.

The meeting will take place at the Parque Simón Bolívar Convention Center, La Carlota, and representatives from Honduras and Palestine will participate as special guests.

Latin American and Caribbean leaders agreed at the previous Summit, last April, to specially invite that Arab State.

They also unanimously endorsed a special statement on the situation in Palestine, where they demanded a fair and lasting solution with the creation of two States, with East Jerusalem as their capital, and the right of return of refugees to be guaranteed.

The delegations attending the meeting held a meeting the day before at the Casa Amarilla of the Foreign Ministry, to draft a document outlining the lines of action to be developed and achieve the objectives of the ALBA 2030 Strategic Agenda.

They also proposed to face the political, geopolitical and economic challenges of the 2025-2030 period, reported the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This Strategic Agenda proposed high-impact actions in the short, medium and long term, in the economic, social, political, cultural and communicational fields.

The Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Yván Gil, announced that the proposals will be delivered to the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, at the meeting, and added that they seek to position the Bolivarian Alliance as “a powerful geopolitical actor.”

Gil explained that with these lines of action, the heads of State and Government will be able to define a clear course for 2025, in which at the regional level “we will face a moment of political uncertainty and the objective is to prepare ourselves to give greater security to our peoples.”

The executive secretary of ALBA-TCP, Jorge Arreaza, stated that “this Saturday we will tell the world that 20 years later we ratify and reaffirm each one of the principles of solidarity of cooperation, collaboration and complementation of this integrative mechanism.”

Last night, Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel and the Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Ralph Gonsalves, arrived in Venezuela and were received by the Bolivarian Foreign Minister.

The Alliance is made up of Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Grenada and Saint Lucia, and has Syria, Haiti and Suriname as special guests.

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