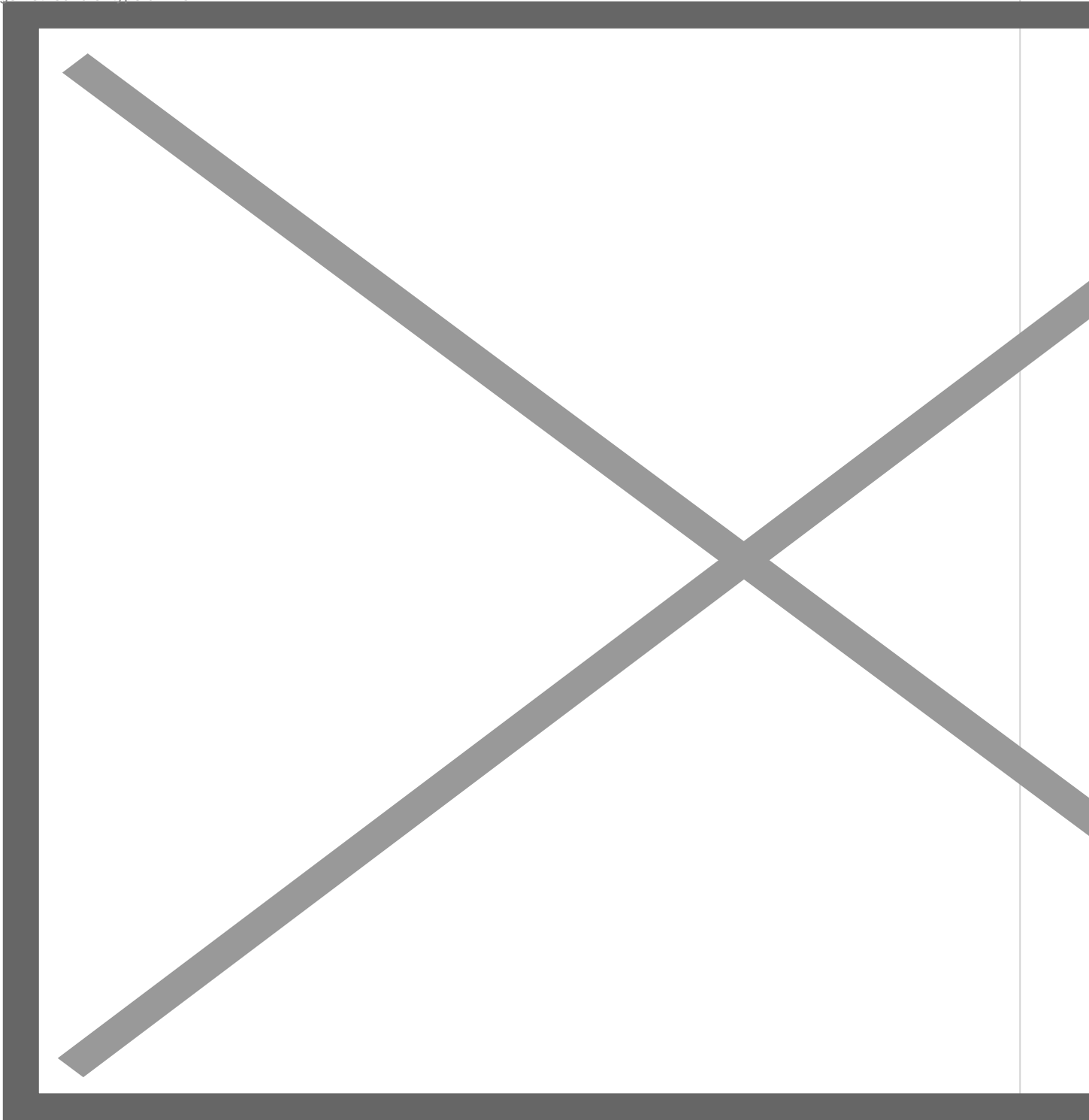


*Venezuelan National Assembly  
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Caracas, February 12 (RHC)-- The president of the National Assembly of Venezuela, Jorge Rodríguez, led this Tuesday the ordinary session of that Venezuelan state body, which rejected and repudiated the recent discoveries related to the financing of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to the Venezuelan far right.

In the debate against the financing by this U.S. entity, the deputy of the National Assembly, Blanca Eekhout, rejected the actions of USAID. "They (the NGOs) have been financed by USAID to destabilize, to bring war, to assassinate presidents. How they developed an absolutely criminal scheme," the deputy emphasized.

"It was all a plan to achieve destabilization, a plan," said the deputy, who was hidden behind Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) supposedly destined for human rights, freedom of the press and so on.

Like Eekhout, Deputy José Brito repudiated these funds, while requesting that "the thieves" return to Venezuela to assume the weight of the law.

The deputy explained that USAID itself recognized that procedural violations were made, pointing out that the U.S. agency claims that the far-right Juan Guaidó was the one who provided the recommendations for those NGOs to be chosen, all with the aim of destabilization.

On the other hand, Rodríguez, referring to the Western narrative that makes all Venezuelan migrants look like members of the criminal group Tren de Aragua, stressed that Venezuela and its Government and institutions "defeated and exterminated the Tren de Aragua gang... and all the criminal gangs that had the population in fear."

"Whether it hurts or not," stressed the high-ranking Bolivarian official, ridiculing the opinion of presidents such as Chilean President Gabriel Boric, who doubt the security of the Venezuelan nation. "Today, we are the safest country on this continent, and no one can deny that reality," he stressed.

Following this line, he referred to the narrative that is spread about Venezuelan migrants who, in the eyes of the West, "are all from the Aragua Train," he said, adding that migration is being criminalized when it does not constitute a crime.

"If they had not subjected Venezuela to 962 sanctions as they did, to blockades, to the theft of their assets to use them to buy nightclubs... or to deposit them with ill-gotten money in Portugal," recalled Rodríguez, stating that if they had not stolen the money destined for social work in the areas of health and other fronts in the country, "not a single Venezuelan would have left."

He added that there is no country that has created a repatriation plan for deported migrants as Venezuela did with the Plan Vuelta a la Patria.

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