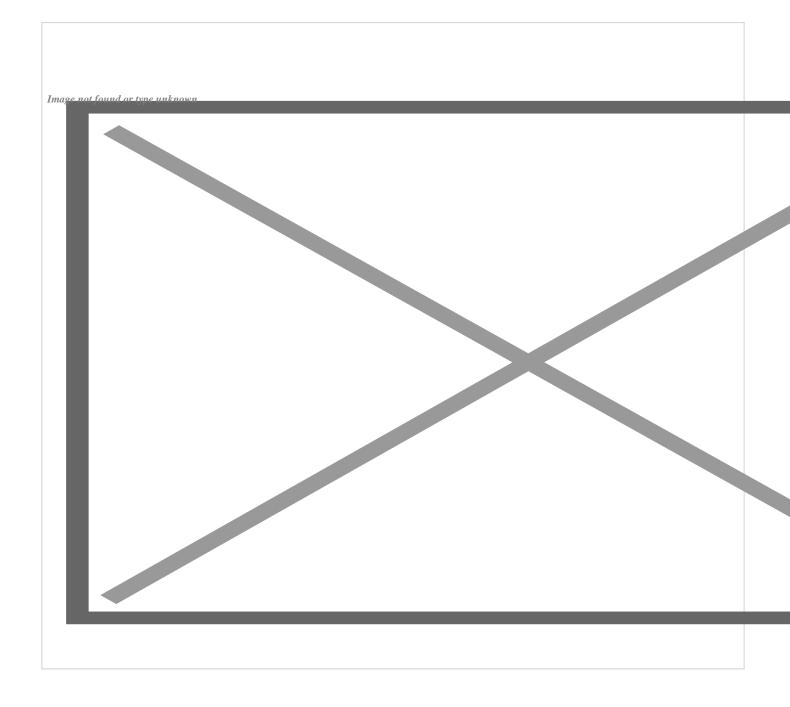
## U.S. State Department implements Trump executive order halting most U.S. funding for South Africa



Washington, March 7 (RHC)-- The U.S. State Department has ordered an immediate pause on nearly all U.S. funding for aid projects in South Africa. The pause comes after Trump issued an executive order in February in retaliation for South Africa's land reform law, which he claimed was "racial discrimination" against white South Africans.

The "pause" reportedly spares funding for PEPFAR, the U.S. global HIV/AIDS program. South Africanborn billionaire Elon Musk has said white South Africans have been victims of, quote, "racist ownership laws," and accused the post-apartheid government of anti-white racism.

In other news from the U.S. State Department, the agency is preparing to shutter a dozen overseas consulates, as well as many more diplomatic missions. The move would include laying off many local employees crucial for U.S. diplomatic relations in those countries.

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