Reception capacity of Autonomous Communities is updated to receive unaccompanied minors

Royal Decree No 556/2026 of 30 June 2026 was approved, updating reception capacity and guardianship of unaccompanied foreign minors in the Autonomous Communities and Cities.

The new law also allows for the extension of the binding and solidarity reception by all territories of the country, which makes it possible for unaccompanied migrant children arriving in the Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla to be received by other peninsular communities.

The ordinary capacity of each of them has been updated from the division between its total population on 31 December 2025 and the quotient resulting from dividing the total population of Spain on that date by the maximum number of unaccompanied foreign minors cared for by the entire Spanish protection system. See below the updated numbers:

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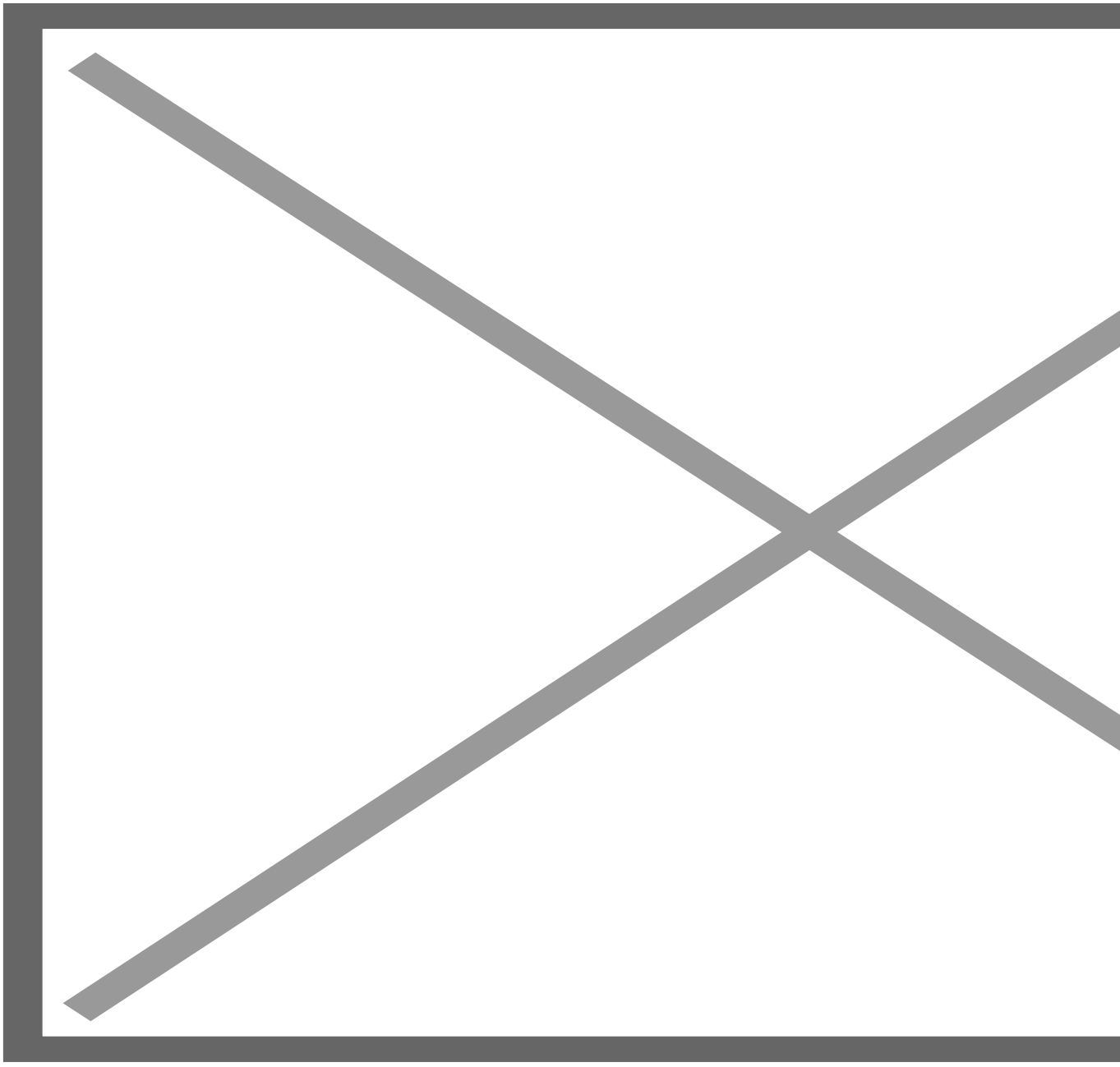

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