

Chile's President-Elect Faces Challenges in Naming New Cabinet



Santiago, January 17 (RHC)-- Chile's president-elect Michelle Bachelet is expected to announce her new cabinet by January 27th, a task seen by some analysts as quite challenging as she was brought to power by a seven-party coalition.

Analysts believed that Bachelet needs to strike a delicate balance while trying to reward the support of the New Majority coalition's members, who come from the Christian Democratic Party, the Socialist Party, the Party for Democracy, the Social Democratic Radical Party, the Communist Party, the Leftist Christian Party and the Broad Social Movement.

A team of her advisors would consult the parties before proposing an appropriate number of posts for each party. And the parties have already proposed candidates for some of the top jobs.

Bachelet, who will take office on March 14th, stressed that her criteria is that the candidates must have the technical training and commitment necessary to carry out her government program.

The new cabinet will be charged with forging consensus with opposition legislators, shaping a communication strategy and, most importantly, guaranteeing the resources needed to make

constitutional, educational and tax reforms.

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