

# *Evo Morales Thanks Cuba for Support of Bolivian Demand to Sea Access*

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La Paz, December 27 (RHC)-- Bolivian President Evo Morales thanked Cuba on his Twitter account for the support given, on a day like today 14 years ago, to his country's efforts of regaining a sea access.

Morales wrote that the National Assembly of Cuba considered then as fair the Bolivian demand, which has aroused broad support in public opinion and the international community.

Bolivia lost its access to the sea in the Pacific War of 1879, when Chile snatched 400 kilometers of coastline and 12,000 square kilometers of mineral-rich territories.

In 2013, the government of Evo Morales formally presented a demand before the International Court of Justice for a negotiation in good faith with Chile over Bolivia's demand to regain a maritime exit to the Pacific Ocean.

Well-known international personalities have since supported the Bolivian demand, including the then Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, Commander Hugo Chávez, and former presidents Luis Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil and Jimmy Carter of the United States.

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