

Guatemalan president says U.S. cannot send Mexican asylum seekers to Guatemala



Guatemala City, January 10 (RHC)-- Outgoing Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales says his government has not agreed to receive Mexicans who wish to seek asylum in the United States. Under a bilateral agreement, the United States can send Honduran and Salvadoran asylum seekers to Guatemala to instead seek asylum there.

But the Trump administration now says it wants to extend this plan to Mexican asylum seekers, as well, sparking pushback from Morales. His term ends next week, and he says Trump will have to negotiate this idea with his successor, Alejandro Giammattei.

Mexican asylum seekers are also speaking out against the Trump administration's plan, saying that given the fact that many Guatemalans are leaving their country because it's unsafe, it doesn't make sense to send Mexicans there.

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