

# *IAEA Expert Advises Bolivian Nuclear Project*

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La Paz, November 15 (RHC-PL), -- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) expert, Pablo Delfang is in Bolivia to advise the nuclear project with peaceful aims designed by the Government of president Evo Morales, according to a report circulated in La Paz Friday.

Delfang explained in statements to the television channel ATB that his visit to this country is due to an explicit request by the Bolivian Government to the IAEA, the autonomous entity of the United Nations.

IAEA does not promote, does not force, does not spread propaganda, but if there is a sovereign decision by a country to enter the field of nuclear energy and requests assistance, we provide that assistance, said Delfang, who clarified that the agency would always watch compliance with security standards.

He also emphasized that above all, infrastructure and specialized human resources are necessary to build a small nuclear reactor for research and continue later with a high power reactor.

The process to set up the whole infrastructure takes from seven to 10 years and it is necessary to carry it out by means of a staged approach, he said before recalling that when the setting up of the reactors in the country concludes, the IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency would safeguard and guarantee the use of that technology with peaceful aims.

The discussion must be held in Bolivia and the only valid decision is the one that Bolivia makes. The IAEA will support Bolivia in the whole process and any decision it makes, he concluded.

Bolivia budgeted almost two million USD to start the nuclear project in 2015, based in the department of La Paz, as announced by President Evo Morales on Oct 2.

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