

Evo Morales Blames US For No Agreement at Americas Summit



La Paz, April 13 (teleSUR-RHC) President Evo Morales blamed U.S. President Barack Obama for the Summit of the Americas ending without a final declaration on his return to Bolivia on Sunday. “One point (in the drafted declaration) was important: health as a human right, and the U.S. government did not accept that health should be considered a human right ... President Obama did not accept the document,” explained Morales.

The Bolivian president also explained other issues that were met with opposition from the U.S. government, such as transferring technology and tackling espionage. The drafted document included a point seeking to commit the countries to increase technology transfers to developing countries. “We are countries that have not been able to industrialize technology, we do not have a technology industry,” added Morales.

Another point of controversy called for an end to electronic espionage. The 8-point draft was a result of four months of negotiations between all the participating countries prior to the summit in Panama.

Some analysts have stated the inability to reach consensus shows yet another failure for U.S. diplomacy in Latin America after the previous Americas Summit in *Cartagena*, Colombia, 2012 also ended without a final declaration.

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