

Chile Willing to Negotiate Bolivia's Access to the Sea



Santiago de Chile, October 12 (teleSUR-RHC)-- The Chilean government said Sunday it is willing to negotiate "better access to the sea" for Bolivia, but won't discuss the issue of Bolivia's sovereignty over it.

The statement was made Sunday by Chilean Foreign Minister Heraldo Muñoz, who stressed Chile "has always been willing to improve Bolivia's access to the sea." For the Chilean foreign minister, it would be appropriate to discuss how to improve access. Muñoz's statements come two and a half weeks after the International Court of Justice ruled in favor of Bolivia. Bolivia brought its claim against Chile to the ICJ in 2013, based on almost a century of claims. Despite the court ruling that it would hear Bolivia's claim, and calls by Morales to negotiate, In late September, Evo Morales told the 70th General Assembly of the United Nations that Chile was willing to negotiate "better access to the sea" for Bolivia, but won't discuss the issue of Bolivia's sovereignty over it.



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