

# *Evo Morales to Meet in February with Maritime Demand Lawyers*

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La Paz, December 19 (RHC-PL) -- President Evo Morales will meet next February with the legal team defending the maritime claim of Bolivia imposed against Chile at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague in 2013.

During the inauguration of a school in the town of Mizque, Cochabamba, the president said that in February he will meet again with national and international jurists that deal with the Bolivian maritime case in the ICJ to develop strategies for the trial against Santiago de Chile, when it deliver its opposition.

According to the newspaper La Razón, Morales previously contacted the Bolivian officer in that court, former President Eduardo Rodriguez, who informed him that the international experts will come here in February.

At the meeting, the president will meet consultants, lawyers, and with Vice President Alvaro Garcia Linera and the rest of the cabinet.

Morales' last contact with lawyers Antonio Remiro Brotóns (Spain), Mathias Forteau, Monique Chemillier-Gendreau (France) and Payam Akhavan (Iran) was in June at the Third Summit of the European Union and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean (EU-Celac), held in Brussels, Belgium.

Bolivia was born as an independent republic in 1825, but in February 1879 Chilean troops invaded the country taking over 400 linear kilometers of coastline and 120,000 square kilometers of the Pacific Ocean estuary.

Since then the authorities have claimed in international forums the right to regain their place in the Littoral and after submitting the application to the ICJ in 2013, support has increased worldwide.

In May this year the two governments presented its arguments to the ICJ. Chile, which had objected to the jurisdiction of the court of international justice, received the rejection of that court.

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