

Chile Seeks to Work with EU on Extradition Treaty



Berlin, October 28 (RHC-EFE) -- Chilean President Michelle Bachelet announced Monday in Berlin that her government plans to broaden the Association Agreement with the European Union it signed in 2003, and open negotiations for a global agreement on extradition.

“For some time, Chile has been negotiating for a new deal with the EU, after 11 years of our partnership treaty, which has been extremely successful for both Europe and Chile,” Bachelet said at a joint press conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

At the start of her two-day official visit to Germany, the Chilean president said that “after showing that Chile is a country that is fully compliant, we will renew this treaty,”

She noted that in recent years the EU has signed agreements with other countries in Latin America, particularly Peru and Colombia, “with a more modern look.”

The Chilean President noted the existence of pre-approved changes in the political sphere, including an increase in cooperation and dialogue between both countries.

Bachelet also expressed her government's interest in negotiating a global treaty on extradition with the 28 member countries of the EU.

On June 27th, a Hamburg court rejected an extradition request from Chilean authorities to hand over French citizen Marie Emmanuelle Verhoeven, who was allegedly involved in the 1991 assassination of Chilean senator and founder of the rightist Independent Democratic Union, Jaime Guzman.

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