

# *Colombia Promotes Stronger Links with France in the Post-Conflict Period*

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Bogota, January 26 (RHC-Prensa Latina)-- President Juan Manuel Santos' visit to France, aimed at strengthening bilateral relations and designing initiatives for the post-conflict period, is making headlines in Colombia.

According to Santos' agenda, the official meeting program starts on Monday. During his stay, Santos is scheduled to discuss with his French counterpart, Francois Hollande, the prospects of the links between Bogota and Paris.

Santos is also planning to meet with presidents of the Senate and the National Assembly, the mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, and Prime Minister Manuel Valls. Santos will lay a wreath at the Republic Plaza to pay tribute to the victims of the attack against the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, a gesture expressing support for freedom of speech.

According to announcements made by Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin, Santos will also meet and discuss investment opportunities in Colombia with French business executives. Holguin said Colombia plans to implement France's experience in agricultural schools to promote rural development, but based

on science and technology.

On January 28th and 29th, Santos will attend the Summit of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) in Costa Rica, where he will put forward his views in the forum to be devoted to the struggle against poverty.

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