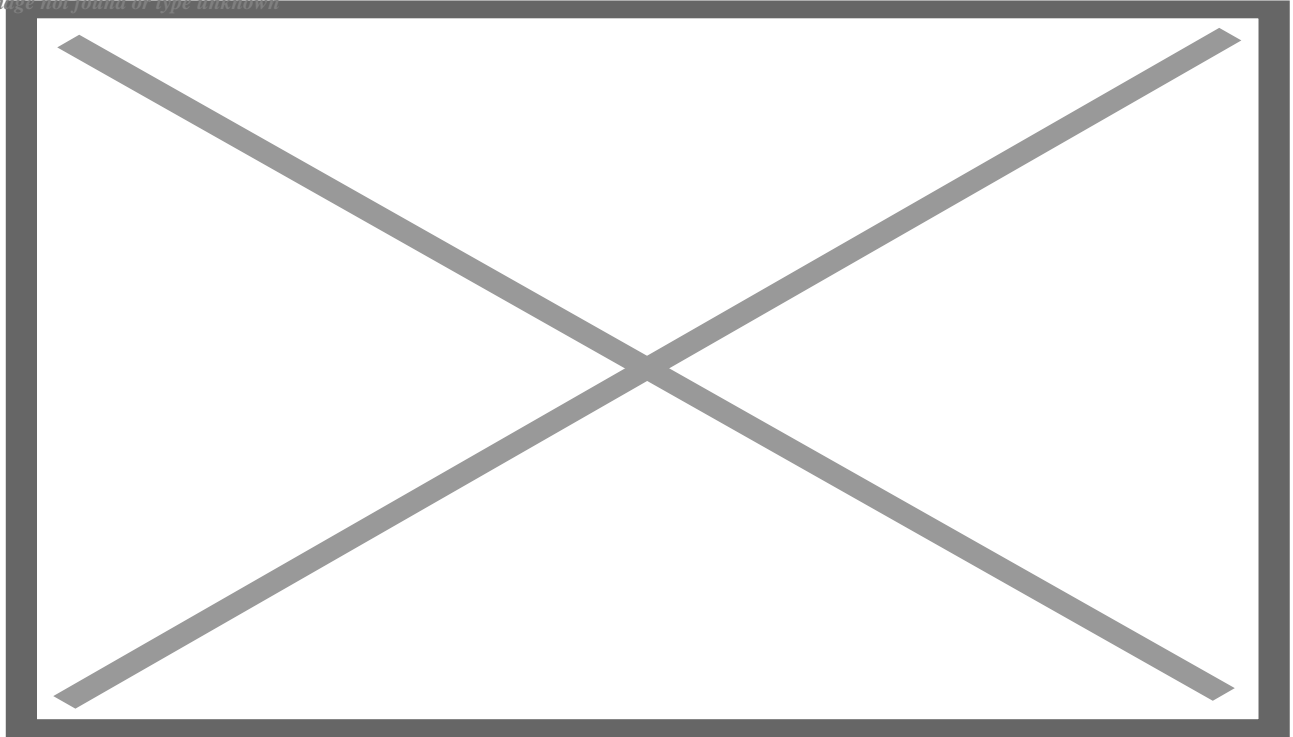


Bolivian Government rejects U.S. report on human rights

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La Paz, March 23 (RHC)-- The Government of Bolivia has rejected the unilateral report on Human Rights issued by the U.s. Department of State. A statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that "it does not recognize this type of documents issued unilaterally, which are a practice of interference in internal affairs and prepared without objective grounds to support it."

In this sense, the Foreign Ministry emphasized that "Bolivia adheres to multilateralism and its evaluation mechanisms for the guarantee, protection and fulfillment of Human Rights, within the framework of the international treaties and conventions it has ratified on the matter."

Likewise, it referred that previously a series of visits were made by different Human Rights groups to the country, such as that of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI), among other authorities of multilateral organizations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that between March 27th and the 30th a visit from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) will take place, with the objective of learning about the human rights situation in different regions of the country.

For her part, the Vice Minister of Communications, Gabriela Alcón, stated that the report has a "unilateral and unofficial" character on the part of the U.S., since it "ignores the sovereignty of each State and the peoples of the world." She also recalled that the Bolivian Government signed treaties and agreements on the protection and guarantee that due process is respected and that there are no political prisoners.

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