

France Vows to Accept More Syrian Refugees



Paris, April 5 (RHC-teleSUR), -- France acknowledged Tuesday that its intake of Syrian refugees has been insufficient, but vowed to double efforts in light of a deal agreed between the European Union and Turkey.

"The number of people welcomed is still extremely insufficient compared to our commitments and we will need to redouble our efforts," Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault told reporters during a meeting with his German counterpart Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

Paris promised in September to accept 30,000 refugees over two years after certain European countries agreed to divide the numbers among themselves. Until now hundreds have arrived in France compared to thousands in neighboring Germany.

"We decided to relocate a part of the refugees that are in Greece to France and we want to participate on the implementation of the accord with Turkey," Ayrault said. "Germany has started, but we will also do it. We will meet our commitments."

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