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### **U.S. Ambassador presented Integrated Alternative Development products to Bolivian Congress members**

U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia David Greenlee presented a sample of Integrated Alternative Development products to all the members of the Bolivian Congress. "The Integrated Alternative Development is also changing the face of Bolivia in the international context," said Ambassador Greenlee in a letter addressed to tenured and alternate members of Congress who received the products.

Ambassador Greenlee also said that there are 6,500 families that take pride in producing bananas in the Chapare and that the specialty coffee produced in the Yungas has achieved a resounding success in the most demanding markets in the world, dramatically increasing the producers' incomes. Currently, thousands of families in the tropics of Cochabamba produce integrated alternative development products on more than 150,000 hectares of cultivated lands.

"Bolivia is changing her destiny thanks to the courage and decision of Bolivians themselves," added the Ambassador.

The products given to the members of Congress include palm heart, coffee, tea, dehydrated pineapple, chocolate-coated banana, dehydrated banana, dehydrated fruit, honey, and marmalades.

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