

## Fifth mini round of negotiations for FTA with South Korea



*Bogota, March 27, 2012.- The negotiating teams of Colombia and South Korea, which are working towards a free trade agreement between the two countries, will meet today through Thursday in Chicago, United States. This will be the fifth mini round of negotiations as the teams continue to work on the text of the agreement.*

- **The meeting will take place in Chicago, USA.**

According to the Minister of Trade, Industry, and Tourism, Sergio Diaz-Granados, the purpose of this new meeting is to address the chapters on investment, rules of origin, trade remedies, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, cooperation, trade and sustainable development, intellectual property, and public procurement.

The Minister said that this negotiation for a free trade agreement with Korea is of great importance to Colombia's strategy to approaching Asia.

"In practice, this agreement will open opportunities to enter new markets for goods and services, as well as generate greater linkages in the production and supply chains associated with this Asian country," said the official.

Meanwhile, the head of Colombia's negotiating team, Javier Gamboa, said the parties have found more common ground through the various meetings and mini rounds that have been held since the meeting in Seoul last October.

"The goal of this mini round is to bring each party closer together, in order to conclude the negotiations satisfactorily in the short term," he explained.

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