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# AMERICA/EL SALVADOR - "A word of commitment for migratory reform" asks Archbishop Alas from the President of the United States on his visit to El Salvador

San Salvador (Agenzia Fides) – The Catholic Church in El Salvador awaits "a word of commitment" from the President of the United States Barack Obama, during his upcoming visit to the Country on 22 and 23 March, for his part in pursuing the approval of immigration reform. During the usual press conference on Sunday after Mass, Archbishop Escobar Alas of San Salvador said yesterday, 13 March, that he sees this occasion as an "opportune moment", as Obama is "coming to a country that is very much in need." "We would like to ask the President of the United States for his efforts and his good will, so that complete immigration reform may take place during his presidency," said the Archbishop of San Salvador. "We know that not everything depends on him, but we would hope anyway, for a word of commitment, a word that somehow would give hope to achieving immigration reform," he added. The Foreign Minister, Hugo Martinez, said that El Salvador is evaluating the possibility of asking Obama for a "definitive migration solution" for its citizens living in the U.S. who enjoy the migration benefits of "Temporary Protection Status". (CE) (Agenzia Fides, 14/03/2011)

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