



## **AMERICA/HAITI- A group of Haitians stopped at the border since January have finally arrived in Brazil**

Iñapari (Agenzia Fides) - The last group of 245 Haitians who had been stopped as refugees in Iñapari, a Peruvian town on the border between Peru and Brazil have finally crossed the border of Brazil. The decision to authorize the entry of the Haitians was made effective on Tuesday, April 10, when a first group of women and children, part of the 245 Haitian refugees who had been in Peru since January managed to enter Brazil (see Fides 25/01/2012). The authorization to enter had been communicated by the Ambassador in Peru, and is the result of dialogue with the Peruvian authorities. "Actually it is not 245 people we are talking about, but 245 families," said the diplomat, who stressed that the decision was made for humanitarian reasons and to avoid the traffic of people in that area. The Peruvian authorities had reported a few days ago the serious situation that had arisen in the area, both for migrants and for the Haitian population in the small town of Iñapari, where the Catholic Church carried out in this period of intensive care work, hosting the Haitians even in the church area. (CE) (Agenzia Fides 16/4/2012)