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## The US Secretary of State arrives Sunday for an official visit to Spain

### To discuss bilateral issues

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**USPA NEWS** - The Secretary of State of the United States, John Kerry, will arrive on Sunday to Spain on an official two-day visit, part of a European tour that begins Saturday in Italy and will also take him to Paris.

Kerry will be received by his Spanish counterpart, Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo, who will meet on Sunday and beside which offer a joint press conference on Monday morning. As reported by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the State Department of the United States, John Kerry's visit to Spain will serve to discuss bilateral issues and issues of common interest, including shared base Moron de la Frontera use, the province of Seville, southern Spain, and the fight against jihadist terrorism.

The Secretary of State is received on Monday by King Philip VI and the Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy. Kerry's official visit to Spain was scheduled for May 31, but was suspended due to bicycle accident suffered by the American political in Switzerland. On that occasion, Kerry and his Spanish counterpart Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo would sign the new agreement on the sharing of the military base in Moron de la Frontera. Finally, the agreement was signed in the United States and later confirmed by the Spanish Parliament.

The base of Moron de la Frontera plays a major role in the US fight against jihadist terrorism, an effort in which the Spanish Government is also committed. Therefore, Kerry and Garcia-Margallo talk about how to improve the fight against jihadism and the role it played in that struggle the US military and the Spanish security forces. It is also likely dealing with the future official visit to Spain by President Obama, who during his recent meeting at the White House to King Philip VI expressed his desire to visit Spain before the end of its mandate.

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