



Public Statement on the Day of Crisis and Terror in Ecuador

The **IDC-CDI**, as an international inter-party organization:

Expresses its total support for the President of Ecuador, Daniel Noboa, in his fight against criminal organizations, as well as his recent decision to declare a state of emergency for 60 days in response to kidnappings and indiscriminate attacks on the police, threats to the press, and organized prison riots. These are all a part of a systematic campaign to undermine the institutions and the Rule of Law in Ecuador.

Closely analyzes and strongly condemns the violent events caused by criminal organizations involved in drug trafficking on January 9th, which resulted in at least 10 people being killed, including two police officers. These violent acts are causing distress in Ecuadorian and Latin American society.

Reiterates its commitment to monitoring these events. As warned by the IDC-CDI and its President Andrés Pastrana, criminal groups operate as organized transnational entities that threaten global stability, and who must be defeated through a joint effort by all international political actors who defend democratic values as fundamental pillars of the Rule of Law.

Commends the unity of all political forces in the National Assembly of Ecuador in strengthening the established order and supporting the National government, as well as the law enforcement agencies, in achieving peace and national security.

Likewise, these regrettable events should serve as a warning to governments and leaders worldwide who maintain relationships with criminal organizations. Institutions, the state, and, above all, **justice** demand being on the right side of history.

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