



EMBASSY OF ECUADOR IN
UNITED STATES

Washington D.C., May 20th, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Noem,

I write to you as the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Ecuador to the United States. It is both an honor and a responsibility to represent Ecuador at a time of great regional challenge and opportunity. I would like to take this opportunity to share our interest in deepening cooperation with your Department on security, migration, and law enforcement matters of mutual concern. Further, on behalf of my government, I would like to thank President Trump for his dedication to ensuring hemispheric safety and his keen attention to a law-and-order approach to migration issues.

President Daniel Noboa has placed public safety and regional stability at the center of his administration's agenda. Over the past several months, Ecuador has launched an aggressive domestic effort to confront the growing threat posed by organized criminal networks and narco terrorist actors. These threats, which have destabilized institutions and fueled cross-border violence, demand a coordinated response. We believe the United States can play a key role in supporting our efforts to restore peace and security to the Ecuadorian people.

We are especially interested in working with the Department of Homeland Security to strengthen operational coordination around migration enforcement, border protection, and counter-trafficking. Ecuador continues to serve as both a destination and transit country for migrants from across the hemisphere. Our government is committed to promoting orderly migration and is actively implementing new governance models based on international standards and regional cooperation. We would welcome dialogue with your team on how our approaches might align and where U.S. assistance or joint initiatives could enhance outcomes.

On the security front, Ecuador has formally identified five organized armed groups currently operating within our territory that meet the criteria for designation under the January 2025 executive order on foreign terrorist entities. We would like to discuss possible next steps for information sharing and designation, as well as broader collaboration with DHS and interagency partners to tackle the threat of narcoterrorism more effectively. We are also pursuing options for restored cooperation and financing under programs currently supported by U.S. security assistance channels.

In light of these priorities, I would like to respectfully request a meeting on behalf of both myself and Foreign Minister Gabriela Sommerfeld to explore potential areas of collaboration with your office. I would be honored to meet with you at your earliest convenience, and my team remains available to coordinate any logistical details that may support this engagement.

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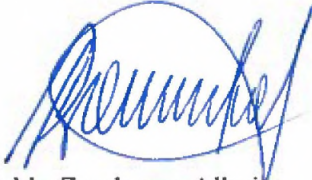
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Please accept, Secretary Noem, the assurances of my highest consideration and my sincere commitment to building a stronger, safer, and more resilient partnership between our two nations.

Sincerely,



Pablo Zambrano Albuja
Ambassador of the Republic of Ecuador to the United States

