

For Six Month Period Ending April 30, 2009
(insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant
Fenton Communications

(b) Registration No.
5803

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1000 Vermont Ave, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
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| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (b) If an organization:
- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position Date connection ended

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Residence address Citizenship Position Date assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position or connection Date terminated

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Residence address Citizenship Position Date assumed

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

Embassy of Ecuador

January 15, 2009

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A³ Yes No
 Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Embassy of Ecuador - We were hired to provide communications advice and strategic planning to promote a positive image of Ecuador in the United States and to support positive bilateral relations between the two countries. We prepared informational factsheets about key issues regarding Ecuador and Ecuador-U.S. relations as well as organizing press briefings and sending out press releases and advisories on topics of interest such as immigration, trade, foreign policy, the debt and the Ecuadorean elections.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
11/15/08	Embassy of Ecuador	Communications Services	\$30,000
11/18/08	Embassy of Ecuador	Communications Services	\$30,000

\$60,000

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS - MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No
- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
See attached invoices.			

Approximately \$7,000
Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials¹²?
Yes No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Embassy of Ecuador - materials attached.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

The contract was \$30,000 per month, \$5,000 of which was allocated for expenses. The contract ran 8/15/08-1/15/09.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) Spanish

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

William W. Hamilton Jr. 5/14/09

William W. Hamilton Jr.

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

Supplemental Statement

Section III – Activities

12. Attached are list of attendees at the press breakfasts held on behalf of the Embassy of Ecuador.

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Section IV – Financial Information

15. (a) Detailed invoices attached for disbursements made on behalf of the Embassy of Ecuador.

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Attn: Ambassador Luis Gallegos
2535 15th Street NW
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For Job Embassy of Ecuador (5-21098)

Expenses

Phone / Cellular Phone Charges	98.26
Local Travel	18.00
Freelancers/Consultants/Temps	196.08
Administrative Surcharge	55.13

Subtotal Expenses	367.47
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Total Fees	0.00
Total Expenses:	367.47

Total Due:	<u>367.47</u>
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80135	Phone / Cellular Phone Charges				
	11/17/08	Verizon-660720	789-5080-NOV/08	Int'l calls to Ecuador Nov/08	98.26
			Subtotal	Phone / Cellular Phone Charges	98.26
80160	Local Travel				
	11/30/08	Rosario Rivera	113008	Taxi (2) F.Benitez 10/30/08	18.00
			Subtotal	Local Travel	18.00
80165	Freelancers/Consultants/Temps				
	11/09/08	David Sperling	70-08	Translation into English a letter Ecuadorean Emba	196.08
			Subtotal	Freelancers/Consultants/Temps	196.08
				Report Total	312.34

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Expenses

Publications	1,816.13
Administrative Surcharge	320.55

Subtotal Expenses	2,136.68
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Total Fees	0.00
Total Expenses:	2,136.68

Total Due:	<u>2,136.68</u>
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Balance Due is Payable by: 01/18/09

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Invoice Number: 4-22914

Invoice Date: 01/23/09

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Expenses

Meeting / Press Conferences	408.05
Phone / Cellular Phone Charges	553.24
Travel	1,911.00
Local Travel	128.50
Freelancers/Consultants/Temps	245.67
Meals	113.80
Administrative Surcharge	593.09

Subtotal Expenses	3,953.35
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Total Fees	0.00
Total Expenses:	3,953.35

Total Due:	<u>3,953.35</u>
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Balance Due is Payable by: 02/22/09

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80125	Meeting / Press Conferences				
	12/13/08	Connex International	715134	Conference call, T. Gerson, 12/10/08, 11.00 am	408.05
Subtotal Meeting / Press Conferences					408.05
80135	Phone / Cellular Phone Charges				
	12/17/08	Verizon-660720	789-5080-DEC/08	Int'l calls to Ecuador Nov/08	358.10
	12/31/08	AT&T Mobility	AG-55668-DEC/08	F.Benitez 202-215-9664 12/01-31/08	195.14
Subtotal Phone / Cellular Phone Charges					553.24
80155	Travel				
	12/16/08	American Express T.Gerso	TG-5-61007DEC/08	Airfare/fee WDC/BsAs/WDC 12/11/08	1,368.00
	12/16/08	American Express T.Gerso	TG-5-61007DEC/08	Airfare/fee F.Benitez WDC/BsAs/WDC 12/11/08	543.00
Subtotal Travel					1,911.00
80160	Local Travel				
	12/22/08	Rosario Rivera	121908	Taxis (2) for T.Gerson client Mtgs	14.00
	12/31/08	Rosario Rivera	123108	Taxi(2) for F.Benitez client Mtg. 11/19/08	17.50
	12/31/08	Rosario Rivera	123108	Taxi(2) for T.Gerson client Mtg. 12/11/08	12.00
	12/31/08	Timothy K. Gerson	123108	Taxis (9) Clitent Mtgs.12/2-11/08	85.00
Subtotal Local Travel					128.50
80165	Freelancers/Consultants/Temps				
	12/01/08	David Sperling	72-08.	Translation into English of press release on 11/14	57.19
	12/01/08	David Sperling	75-08	Translation into English of Press Release 11/24/08	30.97
Subtotal Freelancers/Consultants/Temps					88.16
80185	Electronic News Service				
	12/01/08	Lexis-Nexis	72-08	Translation into English a letter Ecuadorean Emba	57.19
	12/01/08	Lexis-Nexis	CM0002999	Translation into English a letter Ecuadorean Emba	-57.19
Subtotal Electronic News Service					0.00
80220	Meals				
	12/16/08	American Express EV	EV-5-61004-DEC/08	Loeb's Resta.Press Breakfast 12/11/08	87.14

12/16/08 American Express T.Gerso TG-5-61007DEC/08 Meals 12/14/08

26.66

Subtotal Meals

113.80

Report Total

3,202.75

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For Job Embassy of Ecuador (5-21098)

Expenses

Local Travel	30.00
Internet Services	179.00
Meals	176.93
Administrative Surcharge	68.12

Subtotal Expenses	454.05
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Total Fees	0.00
Total Expenses:	454.05

Total Due:	<u>454.05</u>
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Balance Due is Payable by: 03/12/09

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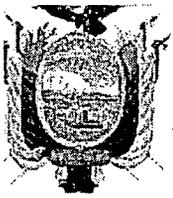
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	01/31/09	Rosario Rivera	013109	Taxis (3) 1/6,13 & 16/09	30.00
			Subtotal	Local Travel	30.00
80170	Internet Services				
	01/23/09	American Express 5-61001	1001-BH-JAN/09.	On line subs. to Fin. Times 12/19/08	179.00
			Subtotal	Internet Services	179.00
80220	Meals				
	01/17/09	American Express 5-61004	EV-5-61004-JAN/09	Loeb's, food & beverages for Press Briefing Embas	176.93
			Subtotal	Meals	176.93
				Report Total	<u>385.93</u>

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Section V. – Informational Materials

Attached are copies of informational materials disseminated on behalf of the Embassy of Ecuador. The materials were disseminated to the entire Latin American press list, also attached, unless otherwise noted.

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PRESS RELEASE
FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

For Immediate Release:
November 5, 2008

Contact: Isabel Albornoz (202) 436-6382

Statement from Ambassador Luis Gallegos on the U.S. Presidential Election

The Republic of Ecuador congratulates President-elect Barack Obama on this historic day. The people of the United States have moved not just their country, but the entire world, a step further on the path to justice.

Since the first words of the Declaration of Independence were penned in 1776, the "American experiment" has served as an inspiration for peoples and nations across the globe. In this election, we see a reaffirmation of America's highest ideals.

Ecuador looks forward to continuing our positive economic and social engagement with the United States while deepening the mutual respect that has characterized the Ecuador-U.S. relationship.

The people of both countries have expressed a desire for change through a resounding electoral mandate for President-elect Obama and President Rafael Correa. This new era in American politics is the beginning of a new era in the hemisphere as well. Ecuador looks forward to creating a sustainable, just future for the Americas together.

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Wanted to make sure you saw the release from the Embassy of Ecuador concerning the murder of Marcelo Lucero in New York. The Spanish language version is below the English version.

Saludos,
Isabel

**PRESS RELEASE
FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR**

For Immediate Release
November 14, 2008

Contact: Felipe Benítez (202) 822-5200

**ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR CONDEMNS MURDER OF ECUADOREAN CITIZEN IN
NEW YORK**

WASHINGTON D.C. The Embassy of the Republic of Ecuador condemns the murder of Marcelo Lucero, an Ecuadorean citizen, in Patchogue, New York. The murder appears to have been a racial hate crime motivated by xenophobia and allegedly perpetrated by a group of teenagers.

The Embassy is demanding that this heinous crime not go unpunished and has sent an official letter to the U.S. Department of State expressing requesting that all necessary steps be taken to ensure that Mr. Lucero's murderers are brought to justice and punished to the full extent of the law, as well as expressing deep concern regarding the rise in anti-immigrant hate crimes.

"It is tragic that a crime of this nature, a xenophobic lynching, happened just as the United States celebrates a historic step forward in which racial barriers have been overcome," said Ambassador Luis Gallegos.

"All necessary steps must be taken to ensure that immigrants who come to this country seeking a better future are not victims of this type of violence again," Ambassador Gallegos stated.

The Ecuadorean Consulate in New York, as well as the Ecuadorean National Secretariat for Migrants, is closely monitoring this case so that those responsible for this crime are brought to justice. In the meantime, arrangements for the return of the body to his home country are being made through the National Secretariat of Migrants.

The Embassy expresses its deepest sympathy for the members of Mr. Lucero's family and offers its full support during this difficult time.

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**COMUNICADO DE PRENSA
DE LA EMBAJADA DE LA REPÚBLICA DE ECUADOR**

Para Publicación Inmediata

Contacto: Felipe Benítez (202) 822-5200

14 de noviembre del 2008

EL EMBAJADOR DE ECUADOR CONDENA EL ASESINATO DE UN CIUDADANO ECUATORIANO EN NUEVA YORK

WASHINGTON D.C., 14 de noviembre.- La Embajada de Ecuador en Washington D.C. condena el asesinato de Marcelo Lucero, un ciudadano ecuatoriano, en Patchoge, Nueva York, en lo que parece ser un crimen de odio racial y xenofobia perpetuado por un grupo de adolescentes.

La Embajada de Ecuador exige que este atroz crimen no quede impune, por lo que ha enviado un comunicado oficial al Departamento de Estado del Gobierno de Estados Unidos manifestando su profunda preocupación por que se lleven a cabo este tipo de crímenes en contra de inmigrantes y solicitando se realicen todas las acciones necesarias para que los agresores sean llevados ante la justicia y en su caso castigados con todo el rigor de la ley.

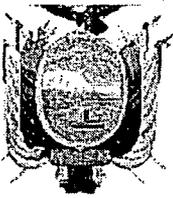
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“Es imperativo adoptar todas las medidas necesarias para evitar que se repitan en el futuro hechos similares en contra de inmigrantes, quienes vienen a este país en la búsqueda de un mejor futuro” señaló el Embajador Gallegos

El Consulado de Ecuador en Nueva York, así como la Casa del Migrante de la Secretaría Nacional del Migrante realizan el seguimiento de este caso a fin de que los responsables de este delito sean llevados ante la justicia. En tanto que los trámites para la repatriación del cuerpo se realizan a través de la Secretaría Nacional del Migrante.

La Embajada del Ecuador se solidariza con los familiares del señor Marcelo Lucero, expresándoles todo su respaldo y solidaridad en estos difíciles momentos

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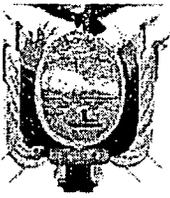
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Hello,

In case you missed it, the following is a press released from Ecuador's Foreign Ministry announcing a meeting between U.S and Ecuadorean authorities in Quito. This is a good example of how relations between the two countries are in good standing and will continue to improve.

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PRESS RELEASE No. 678
Quito, November 21, 2008

ECUADOREAN AND US REPRESENTATIVES CONDUCT FIRST BILATERAL DIALOGUE MEETING

The Ministry of Foreign Relations, Commerce and Integration announced that the first Ecuadorean-US Bilateral Dialogue Meeting is to be held on November 24, 2008. The main goals of these first official talks will be to launch this mechanism, set the procedures to be followed, schedule future meetings, and begin to address agenda items.

This meeting is direct result of the positive accomplishments in the bilateral relations between Ecuador and the United States and will represent a step forward in the path of an ongoing beneficial relationship for the two nations.

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In case you missed it, the following is a press release from Ecuador's Foreign Ministry announcing a meeting between U.S and Ecuadorean authorities in Quito. This is a good example of how relations between the two countries are in good standing and will continue to improve.

Saludos,
Felipe

For Immediate Release:
November 24, 2008

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UNITED STATES-ECUADOR JOINT STATEMENT ON THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BILATERAL DIALOGUE

On November 24, 2008, the First Meeting of the Bilateral Dialogue took place in Quito, a tangible demonstration of relations of respect, friendship and cooperation between the United States and Ecuador, as well as a shared determination to strengthen existing ties by developing areas that are priorities for both countries.

The delegations welcomed the formal establishment of the aforementioned mechanism, as well as the productive results achieved during the First Session and emphasized the following:

1. They agreed that there exists extensive, fruitful cooperation between the two parties, and that the Bilateral Dialogue is a valuable forum to strengthen and expand mutual interests included in the four pillars of the agreed agenda.
2. They ratified that the four pillars on which the Bilateral Dialogue will be framed are:
 - a) MEASURES TO PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE REDUCTION OF POVERTY
 - b) FACILITATION OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT
 - c) COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
 - d) MIGRATION ISSUES
3. With respect to the pillar "Measures to Promote Human Development and the Reduction of Poverty," they highlighted the work that the Government of Ecuador is implementing in this area and emphasized that the United States will continue providing support for "Plan Ecuador," in keeping with national priorities and the guidelines of Ecuador's National Development Plan, as well as other development programs.
4. In addition, they indicated that the two parties will consider how the United States might support initiatives by the Government of Ecuador to strengthen Ecuador's financial sector.
5. With respect to the pillar "Facilitation of Trade and Investment," they reviewed bilateral commercial relations and noted that the Bilateral Dialogue will allow deepening our discussions on how trade can contribute to durable reduction in poverty.
6. The delegations highlighted possibilities to strengthen small and medium sized enterprises through the implementation of training, development and

credit access programs with U.S. support, to improve the companies' participation in local and international trade.

7. They took note of the information and plans provided by the parties on trade facilitation and simplification of trade logistics. In addition, they addressed issues related to customs services, sanitary and phytosanitary standards, and inventory of new products.
8. The Ecuadorian delegation gave a presentation on the work that the Ecuadorian Government is undertaking in the field of competition and antimonopoly legislation and specifically the development of Ecuadorian institutional and productive capacity, where U.S. experience and cooperation could provide valuable support.
9. Both delegations underlined the importance of investment as part of a comprehensive national development strategy and exchanged views on this topic, within the framework of national development strategies.
10. With respect to the pillar "Cooperation and Technical Assistance," the delegations reaffirmed its importance for improving human development, in keeping with the objectives established in Ecuador's National Development Plan. The two parties discussed ways they could collaborate on renewable energy and sustainable development, risk management against natural disasters, and judicial cooperation and assistance. In addition, the two parties renewed their commitment to continue working jointly to combat narcotics trafficking and money laundering.
11. Regarding the pillar "Migration Issues," Ecuador emphasized its interpretation of the protection of migrant rights, facilitation and reduction of costs of transmitting remittances, and the obligation of prompt consular notification. The United States noted the importance of secure identity documents, combat trafficking in persons, and consular access and prison conditions for prisoners.
12. The delegations agreed to establish Working Groups –at least one for each pillar- to monitor and develop the issues discussed in the Bilateral Dialogue, as well as facilitate the exchange of information necessary for their management. The composition of the Working Groups will be established through diplomatic channels.
13. The delegations reaffirmed their intent to deepen the Bilateral Dialogue in 2009 and agreed to develop a meeting schedule for the Working Groups and plenary sessions for the bilateral mechanism, which will be approved through diplomatic channels.

14. They agreed that the Second Meeting of the Bilateral Dialogue will take place in Washington, D.C. in the second quarter of 2009.
15. The U.S. delegation thanked the Ecuadorian delegation for the hospitality received during its stay in Ecuador.

Wanted to make sure you saw this release from Monday's meeting.

Saludos,
Felipe

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Para su información, abajo una hoja informativa para contextualizar un poquito la visita del Presidente Correa a Irán esta semana.

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Hechos: Relaciones de Irán con el Mundo

Esta semana el Presidente de la República de Ecuador encabezará una misión a Irán, país que al igual que Ecuador pertenece a la OPEC, para discutir la posibilidad de abrir el mercado iraní a exportaciones ecuatorianas. En el marco de esta visita, es importante poner en contexto el estado actual de las relaciones bilaterales que Irán mantiene con otros países y en específico con naciones de América Latina.

Irán mantiene relaciones diplomáticas con casi todos los miembros de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas (ONU) con la excepción de Estados Unidos e Israel. Algunos países que tiene embajadas en Irán son: Reino Unido, Alemania, Francia, Suiza, Irlanda, India, Japón, Australia y Canadá. Actualmente, Ecuador tiene una oficina de comercio en Tehrán pero no cuenta con una representación diplomática en el país.

El socio comercial más importante de Irán es la Unión Europea, durante el año 2007 el valor de las transacciones comerciales entre ambos fue de \$30 mil cuatrocientos millones de dólares[1].

Relaciones entre Irán y América Latina

Los países con las economías en América Latina tienen embajadas en Tehrán, la capital iraní:

- México
- Colombia
- Argentina
- Brasil

Relaciones entre Irán y Estados Unidos

Aunque los Estados Unidos no mantiene relaciones diplomáticas con Irán, la Embajada de Suiza en representa los intereses de Estados Unidos en Tehrán.

David Ignatius, columnista de asuntos internacionales del Washington Post, escribió el 12 de octubre del 2008 lo siguiente (Bush Crucial Handoffs) que *“la administración Bush planea tomar un paso a mediados de noviembre al anunciar la apertura de una oficina de intereses de Estados Unidos en Tehrán. Lo que romperá el hielo y hará más sencillo al próximo Presidente el iniciar cualquier diálogo necesario con Irán. La administración había planeado realizar este anuncio en agosto, pero la invasión de Rusia a Georgia y las preocupaciones derivadas del juego político de la elección intervinieron. Pero fuentes de la administración aseguran que esto sucederá”*.

En octubre 13 del 2008 el Washington Post (U.S. Proposal Yet to Reach Iran; Tehran Hints it Would Respond Favorably to Interest Section) reportó desde Tehrán que *“dicha propuesta recibirá una*

respuesta favorable”.

Irán cuenta actualmente con una Sección de Intereses en Washington D.C. en la Embajada de Pakistán.

[1] http://ec.europa.eu/trade/issues/bilateral/countries/iran/index_en.htm

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FYI, just wanted to pass on below factsheet as background/context for Pres. Correa's trip to Iran this week in case you were covering it - or if not, can you pass on to whoever is covering from Tehran?

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Key Facts: Iran's Relations with the World

This week Ecuador's President Rafael Correa will head a mission to fellow OPEC country Iran to discuss the opening of the Iranian market to Ecuadorean exports. In light of this visit, it is important to provide context regarding the current state of world relations with Iran in general and its bilateral relationships with Latin American nations in particular.

Iran has diplomatic relations with almost every member of the United Nations with the exception of the United States and Israel. This includes strong U.S. allies such as Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan and the United Kingdom, all of which have embassies in Tehran. Ecuador currently has a trade office, but no embassy-level representation in Iran.

Iran-European Union Relations

According to the European Commission, Iran's most important trading partner is the European Union. The trade value between the EU and Iran was \$30.43 billion in 2007[1] (*see charts below*).

Iran-Latin America Relations

All of Latin America's major economies have embassies in Tehran, including:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Mexico

Iran-United States Relations

Although the United States and Iran do not have diplomatic relations, reporting by the *Washington Post* notes that the U.S. plans to open an Interests Section housed in the Swiss Embassy in Tehran.

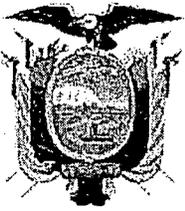
Washington Post foreign affairs columnist David Ignatius reported that "the Bush administration plans to take a helpful step in mid-November by announcing the opening of a U.S. interest section in Tehran. That will break the ice and make it easier for the next president to begin the kind of dialogue with Iran that's necessary." ("Bush's Crucial Handoffs," Oct12, 2008)

A follow-up story in the *Washington Post* reported from Tehran that "such a proposal would probably get a positive response." ("U.S. Proposal Yet to Reach Iran; Tehran Hints It Would Respond Favorably to Interests Section," Oct 13 2008)

Iran already has an Interests Section in Washington in the Embassy of Pakistan.

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**ON THE RECORD PRESS BREAKFAST WITH
ECUADOR FINANCE MINISTER MARIA ELSA
VITERI**

The Finance Minister of the Republic of Ecuador, Maria Elsa Viteri, will be in Washington, DC and New York to conduct a round of meetings with US government officials and NGOs to discuss the Ecuadorean debt situation and the audit report presented by the Ecuador's Public Credit Audit Commission.

A decision by President Rafael Correa on potential default of Ecuador's current debt will be made sometime before Monday, December 15th (the end of the grace period for payment).

WHAT: Press breakfast with the Ecuadorean Minister, Maria Elsa Viteri

WHEN: TOMORROW: Thursday, December 11 at 8:00 am EST

WHERE: Offices of Fenton Communications
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Abajo la declaración oficial del Presidente Correa sobre su decisión del no pago de los intereses de la deuda externa.

Below is the official declaration of Presidente Correa regarding his decision to default on Ecuador's foreign debt payments. If you need a version of this statement in English, please email me.

Saludos,
Timi

<http://www.presidencia.gov.ec/noticias.asp?noid=16813>

Presidente dispuso el no pago de los intereses de la deuda externa y asumió la responsabilidad de sus consecuencias

Guayaquil, 12 de diciembre de 2008.- El Presidente de la República, Rafael Correa Delgado, hizo pública su disposición de no pagar los intereses de la deuda externa, cuyo plazo vencía hoy a las 10:00.

En una declaración de prensa en la sala de reuniones del piso 14 del Gobierno del Litoral, el Jefe de Estado enfatizó que se sigue estudiando con abogados nacionales e internacionales la estrategia jurídica para impugnar la deuda a la que calificó de “inmoral y traición a la Patria”.

De igual forma, se prepara la presentación ante los acreedores, en los próximos días, de un plan de reestructuración, que busque una salida rápida que satisfaga al Ecuador en cuanto a legitimidad de la deuda.

A continuación la intervención textual del Señor Presidente de la República:

Queridos compatriotas, lo que está pasando en Ecuador no es casual, es parte de un proceso de cambio profundo, radical y rápido, que iniciamos el 15 de enero de 2007, y por el cual el pueblo se ha pronunciado y se ratificado en cinco elecciones seguidas.

Hemos tratado de pagar esa tan postergada deuda social, con un programa de vivienda sin parangón en la historia ecuatoriana, que cierta prensa corrupta en función de intereses politiqueros, ahora quiere desprestigiar, sacando las inevitables viviendas que de 80 mil van a tener fallas. Pero creo que la mentira es tan burda que se derrumbará por su propio peso, ahí están las decenas de miles de familias felices con sus casitas dignas, ahí están los constructores y toda la gente que pueda atestiguar el éxito del programa.

Pero no sólo eso, tratamos de ajustar cuentas en lo del feriado bancario, que después de 10 años continuaba en la impunidad, las incautaciones a los grupos de banqueros que aun debían al país, grupo Isaías, grupo Peñafiel, el pago a los depositantes, y seguimos esas acciones, el tratar de recuperar nuestros recursos naturales, derogamos esa Ley de Minería, ya se ha hecho una nueva Ley, hemos renegociado los contratos petroleros.

Se han hecho varias comisiones para ajustar cuentas con la historia, entre ellas la comisión de auditoría de deuda, que fue creada por el Gobierno Nacional, primera vez en la historia una comisión de auditoría es creada por un Gobierno, las pocas experiencias que ha habido en este sentido, han sido las creadas por la sociedad civil.

Estamos dispuestos a actuar en consecuencia con los resultados de esa auditoría que ha sido muy seria, con muchos meses de trabajo, con mucha investigación. Los resultados fueron tremendos, lo que se ha hecho con la deuda es inmoral, es traición a la patria, claramente ilegítima. Ahora, tenemos que ver si

podemos demostrar su ilegalidad, sobre todo en los tribunales internacionales.

Pero es obvio que si tenemos tantos cuestionamientos con una deuda que consideramos inmoral, es obvio que si la consideramos ilegítima, era imposible continuar pagándola. En uno de los tantos abusos de esos contratos, para que vean cómo todo es en función de los intereses del gran capital, se suponía que teníamos que pagar hasta el 15 de diciembre los intereses de bonos global 2012, pero el contrato dice que hay que pagar un día laborable antes, para que ellos puedan distribuir a sus diferentes socios, tenedores de bonos.

Todo esto demuestra la óptica con que se han hecho todos estos acuerdos, siempre en función de los acreedores, pisoteando los intereses, dignidad y soberanía de nuestros países.

Se tenía que pagar el viernes, antes del mediodía (hora de New York), y el plazo venció a las 10:00. Yo di la orden de que no se paguen esos intereses, así que el país está en mora de su deuda externa.

Sabemos bien contra quiénes nos enfrentamos, verdaderos monstruos que no dubitarán en aplastar al país y tratar de hacer de Ecuador un efecto de demostración, y asumo toda la responsabilidad por ese hecho.

Aún seguimos estudiando con abogados nacionales e internacionales la estrategia jurídica para impugnar esa deuda, pese a que por entreguismos de gobiernos anteriores se haya renunciado a reclamaciones legales. No se seguirá pagando esa deuda y presentaremos a los acreedores, en los próximos días, un plan de reestructuración para no ir a los complicados y engorrosos litigios, sino buscar una salida rápida que satisfaga al Ecuador en cuanto a legitimidad de la deuda, sin exigir el monto que nominalmente representan esos papeles y que significarían que después de 30 años de pagar esa deuda de 4 mil millones de dólares desde inicio de los 80, de los cuales 7 mil millones ya han sido pagados, el monto sigue casi igual.

Si tenemos que enfrentar litigios internacionales los enfrentaremos y, repito, asumo toda la responsabilidad. No podía permitir que se siguiera pagando una deuda a todas luces inmoral e ilegítima, ya es hora de inaugurar la justicia y la dignidad, no solo a nivel del país. TM / Prensa Presidencial

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The Yasuni Ishpingo-Tiputini-Tambococha (ITT) Initiative

Initiative. The Ecuadorian government under Rafael Correa set up the ITT Initiative to preserve Yasuni National Park, one of the most biodiverse areas in the world located in the Amazon region provinces of Pastaza and Napo. This initiative represents the first time in history that a country dependent on oil exports for one third of its income has proposed forgoing oil extraction to support global sustainability objectives.

Yasuni National Park. Yasuni National Park is a 6,100 square mile UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The park is home to at least two indigenous tribes that live in voluntary isolation.

Ishpingo-Tiputini-Tambococha reserve. The ITT reserve is Ecuador's largest oil reserve and represents 20% of the country's total oil reserves.

Goal. The project's goal is to keep the ITT reserve untapped. Ecuador will forgo 846 million barrels of heavy crude reserves, and in turn become the first developing country to propose an effective, quantifiable, and verifiable carbon abatement model. It is estimated that the preservation of these fields will prevent approximately 407 million tons of CO2 emissions.

Financial Support. Ecuador is working with the international community to create a fund to offset projected oil revenues lost by the preservation of this land. President Rafael Correa created a trust fund to manage all contributions to the ITT Initiative by signing Presidential Executive Decree No. 847 on January 2, 2008. Donations are solicited from foreign governments, citizens, international institutions and non-governmental organizations. Ecuador seeks to raise \$350 million each year for the next ten years, allowing it to partially compensate for the forgone revenue.

International Support. International outreach has garnered support from the following individuals and international bodies:

- Felipe González, former Primer Minister of Spain.
- Rita Levi Montalcini, Nobel Prize in Medicine 1986, and Senator in Italy.
- Ricardo Lagos, former President of Chile.
- Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former President of Brazil.
- Enrique Iglesias, Iberoamerican Secretary General (SEGIB).
- Alexander Likhotal, President of Green Cross International.
- OPEC
- The Andean Community Secretariat
- Enrique García, President of the Andean Development Corporation

The ITT Initiative will be promoted in New York and Washington, DC to rally support from American NGOs and the public sector. Similar events are planned for European countries including Italy, Norway, France and the United Kingdom.

ROQUE SEVILLA of Quito, Ecuador, is the President of the Yasuni-ITT Initiative Presidential Commission.

Mr. Sevilla is the chief executive officer of Grupo Futuro, an insurance, tourism, and agriculture holding company.

He served as mayor of Quito and is a founder, former board chairman, and director of Fundación Natura, Ecuador's leading conservation organization. He was Director of the Forest Service in Ecuador's Ministry of Agriculture. A leader in designing and implementing debt-swap arrangements, he engineered Ecuador's \$ 10 million debt-for-nature program, working with Ecuador's Central Bank and uniting the financial and conservation communities in Ecuador to support the country's wildlife and wildlands. Mr. Sevilla has served on the board of the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands and was city council member of Quito. He is an economist and received a master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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From 1990 until 1992, Ms. Kakabadse coordinated in Geneva, Switzerland, the participation of civil society organizations for the United Nations Conference for Environment and Development (Earth Summit). In August 1998 she was appointed Minister of Environment for the Republic of Ecuador, position she held until January 2000. During 2001 she was a visiting professor at Yale's School of Forestry and Environment, USA.

She was President of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) from 1996 to 2004, and Member of the Board of the World Resources Institute (WRI) during the same period. She co-Chaired the Environmental Sustainability Task Force of the UN Millennium Project, 2002 – 2005. Since 2005 she has chaired the Scientific and Technology Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (STAP / GEF).

An interesting contrast to a recent election and energy debate based on getting every drop of oil out of our country, Ecuador's new initiative aims to do the exact opposite. Please contact me if you would like a fact sheet on the initiative or to RSVP to the press breakfast.

Best,
Kate

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Ecuadorean Experts to Discuss Breakthrough Environmental Initiative in Amazon

Project Provides New Partnership between Developed and Developing World

On Wednesday, December 17th the Embassy of Ecuador will host a press breakfast with distinguished representatives of the Yasuní-ITT Initiative, a breakthrough national environmental project which consists of leaving 20% of the oil reserves in Ecuador permanently underground. Representatives of the Initiative are in Washington to lobby Congress and development organizations for financial assistance to offset development funds lost by the preservation of this land.

The ITT fields, located in the Ecuadorian Amazon region, hold 846 million barrels of heavy crude and the preservation of these fields will prevent approximately 407 million tons of CO2 emissions.

In September, Ecuador became the first nation in the world to grant inalienable rights to nature in its newly approved Constitution.

WHO: Roque Sevilla, President of the Yasuní-ITT Initiative
Yolanda Kakabadse, Minister of Environment for Ecuador (1998-2000)
President of World Conservation Union, IUCN (1996-2004)

WHAT: Press Breakfast on the Yasuní-ITT Initiative Presidential Commission

WHEN: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
8:00 AM

WHERE: Fenton Communications
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Washington, DC

Due to limited space RSVPs are required. Please contact Kate Geller at (202) 822-5200 or kgeller@fenton.com to reserve a seat.

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He served as mayor of Quito and is a founder, former board chairman, and director of Fundación Natura, Ecuador's leading conservation organization. He was Director of the Forest Service in Ecuador's Ministry of Agriculture. A leader in designing and implementing debt-swap arrangements, he engineered Ecuador's \$ 10 million debt-for-nature program, working with Ecuador's Central Bank and uniting the financial and conservation communities in Ecuador to support the country's wildlife and wildlands. Mr. Sevilla has served on the board of the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands and was city council member of Quito. He is an economist and received a master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

YOLANDA KAKABADSE NAVARRO is the national and international civil society liaison within the Administrative Council for the ITT Initiative. In 1993 she created Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano and was its Executive President until 2006; she is presently the Chair of the Advisory Board of this organization dedicated to promote sustainable development in Latin America through conflict prevention and management.

From 1990 until 1992, Ms. Kakabadse coordinated in Geneva, Switzerland, the participation of civil society organizations for the United Nations Conference for Environment and Development (Earth Summit). In August 1998 she was appointed Minister of Environment for the Republic of Ecuador, position she held until January 2000. During 2001 she was a visiting professor at Yale's School of Forestry and Environment, USA.

She was President of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) from 1996 to 2004, and Member of the Board of the World Resources Institute (WRI) during the same period. She co-Chaired the Environmental Sustainability Task Force of the UN Millennium Project, 2002 – 2005. Since 2005 she has chaired the Scientific and Technology Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (STAP / GEF).

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Ecuadorean Experts to Discuss Breakthrough Environmental Initiative in Amazon

Project Provides New Partnership between Developed and Developing World

On Wednesday, December 17th the Embassy of Ecuador will host a press breakfast with distinguished representatives of the Yasuni-ITT Initiative, a breakthrough national environmental project which consists of leaving 20% of the oil reserves in Ecuador permanently underground. Representatives of the Initiative are in Washington to lobby Congress and development organizations for financial assistance to offset development funds lost by the preservation of this land.

The ITT fields, located in the Ecuadorian Amazon region, hold 846 million barrels of heavy crude and the preservation of these fields will prevent approximately 407 million tons of CO2 emissions.

In September, Ecuador became the first nation in the world to grant inalienable rights to nature in its newly approved Constitution.

WHO: Roque Sevilla, President of the Yasuni-ITT Initiative
Yolanda Kakabadse, Minister of Environment for Ecuador (1998-2000)
President of World Conservation Union, IUCN (1996-2004)

WHAT: Press Breakfast on the Yasuni-ITT Initiative Presidential Commission

WHEN: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
8:00 AM

WHERE: Fenton Communications
1000 Vermont Ave. NW Suite 200
Washington, DC

Due to limited space RSVPs are required. Please contact Kate Geller at (202) 822-5200 or kgeller@fenton.com to reserve a seat.

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