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**ICJ Oral Statement in the Adoption of the Outcome Document in the Universal Periodic  
Review of Ecuador**

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Madam President,

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) welcomes Ecuador's acceptance of recommendations relating to its ratification of the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute of the ICC and ILO Convention 189 concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

The ICJ welcomes Ecuador's support for a number of other recommendations, including those relating to: measures to improve access to justice; guaranteeing the provision of high-quality justice services for all; reform of the justice system and the operation of the Transitional Judicial Council; and respect for and protection of freedom of expression (Outcome Document paragraphs 135.30 and 135.38). The ICJ also notes Ecuador's acceptance of recommendations relating to the strengthening or the creation of legislation and mechanisms to guarantee the exercise of collective rights of indigenous populations, including their right to be consulted (Outcome Document paragraph 135.57). The ICJ urges Ecuador to carry out these measures without delay and to report on this matter to the Human Rights Council by way of a mid-term progress report.

The ICJ regrets that Ecuador did not accept recommendations regarding its follow up to recommendations on freedom of expression provided by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and on the establishment of procedures to implement the right to free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples.

Noting that Ecuador has ratified ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, the ICJ calls on Ecuador to take steps to ensure that its Constitution and other legislation conform with article 6.2 of the Convention, which provides that "The consultations carried out in application of this Convention shall be undertaken, in good faith and in a form appropriate to the circumstances, with the objective of achieving agreement or consent to the proposed measures".

I thank you.

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