

No. POL 149/2005

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ecuador and has the honor to propose to the Ministry that the Government of the Republic of Ecuador and the Government of the United States renew their commitment to U.S. military and Ecuadorian Armed Forces training by approving the attached training schedule which covers the period from October 01, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

The Embassy proposes that these operations be conducted under the same terms and conditions originally outlined in this Embassy's Diplomatic Note No. 065/97 of October 08, 1997, and accepted by the Government of Ecuador in its Note No. 167 GM of October 08, 1997. The two Governments have renewed the terms and conditions of the agreement every year since then. Additional exercises, training, seminars, subject-matter-exchanges, conferences, engineer infrastructure construction projects and meetings may be added throughout the year when approved for

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execution by the Minister of Defense, the Chief, Joint Forces Command of the Ecuadorian Military or the Military Service Commander who is sponsoring the activity.

Attached, please find a proposed schedule of Ecuadorian Armed Forces training exercises for the period from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 and a copy of the letter from the Ecuadorian Minister of Defense and Commander of the Joint Command indicating their approval of the proposed schedule.

If the training schedule and terms and conditions for these exercises are agreeable to the Government of Ecuador, the Embassy of the United States has the further honor to propose that this note and the Ministry's affirmative reply shall constitute an agreement between the two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply with effect from October 1, 2005.

The Embassy of the United States of America takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest and most distinguished consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Quito, September 20, 2005.





Translation

**Republic of Ecuador
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Note No. 22435/GM/SSNDF

Quito, June 1, 2006

Her Excellency Linda Jewell
Ambassador of the United States of America
Quito

Madam Ambassador:

I am pleased to refer to your note verbale No. POL/149/2005 of September 20, 2005, which reads as follows:

[See U.S. Text]

In this regard, I wish to inform you that the Embassy's note and this note shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this letter.

For all pertinent purposes, I wish to inform you that the Ministry of National Defense requests that during non-operational exercises (MEDRETES), participating personnel not bear arms.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

Diego Ribadeneira
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs