

**STATEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY**  
**WITH THE VICTIMS OF THE ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE IN ECUADOR**

The Latin American Network of Women Defenders of Social and Environmental Rights (Red Latinoamericana de Mujeres Defensoras de Derechos Sociales y Ambientales) is speaking out with concern about the alarming and delicate situation in Ecuador.

**We echo** human rights organizations in their alerts and urgent actions about the events of the last two days, condemning the actions of organized crime and state actors who have been accomplices of these groups, allowing them to advance in different territories of Ecuador.

**As an international call**, we urge the Ecuadorian State to guarantee the minimum conditions for the preservation of human rights. Like many Ecuadorian organizations, we consider the declaration of the state of emergency and the declaration of internal armed conflict a mistake. We know from the lessons of history of the region that the militarization of the territory only brings with it dire consequences for the most vulnerable and innocent populations.

**We stand in solidarity** with the families of the victims of the acts of violence that have occurred in recent days: kidnappings, car bombings, intimidations, deaths by stray bullets, murders, riots in detention centers and other acts carried out by organized crime gangs in various parts of the country. These events have generated chaos and a deep sense of helplessness, mainly for young men, racialized people, impoverished populations, women and children in communities caught in the crossfire.

**We join the call** for sanity in the face of the characterization of belligerent groups that gives agents of crime the status of combatants; we demand a shift towards a true peace for the country, extirpating the roots of crime within the state itself and effectively controlling the sources of financing of organized crime. A comprehensive security plan is essential, generating popular and collective participation in decisions in coordination with the international community, avoiding at all costs the excessive use of violence by the armed forces.

As the **Latin American Network in defense of the rights of women, peoples and territories**, we will remain vigilant in demanding that the Ecuadorian state complies with its international human rights obligations.



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