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DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PEACE

IN THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

(Adopted by the Permanent Council at its special meeting, held on January 12, 2024)

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

HAVING convened in a special meeting at the request of the Government of Ecuador on January 12, 2024;

RECALLING that representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace, and development of the region, in accordance with the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Democratic Charter;

CONSIDERING the resolution CP/RES. 1241 (2476/23) “Addressing guns, gangs, and violence in the Member States of the Organization of American States” adopted on December 12, 2023; and

TAKING NOTE of the statement at this meeting by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Gabriela Sommerfeld, on the serious social and security crisis in Ecuador,

DECLARES:

1. Its support for the democratic regime in Ecuador and its institutions, for its legitimately constituted government, and for its constitutional president, Daniel Noboa Azín.

2. That, as the Inter-American Democratic Charter establishes, solidarity among and cooperation between American states require the political organization of those states based on the effective exercise of representative democracy.

3. Its recognition of the efforts of the Ecuadorian Government to restore public order and preserve the rule of law, respect for human rights, citizen security, and the search for social peace.

4. Its profound rejection of all violence perpetrated in Ecuador by transnational organized criminal groups, which have caused crisis and civil commotion, as well as attacks and harm to individuals, members of civil society, and public and private property.

5. That it rejects any violence by the criminal organizations identified that threaten institutionality and the rule of law, and that it repudiates any type of threat or violence that disrupts democracy and peaceful coexistence in Ecuador.

6. That it urges the Government and people of Ecuador to be steadfast in their defense of the rule of law and respect for human rights, which are the best guarantees of peace and citizen security in the Americas.

7. Its solidarity with the Ecuadorian people, in particular the victims of the acts of violence.

8. Its commitment to continue monitoring the situation in Ecuador in order to offer technical cooperation, where possible, and political support, as and when requested by its government.

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