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**Further Information on UA 89/05 (AMR 28/007/2005, 18 April 2005) Fear for safety/legal concern**

**ECUADOR                      Demonstrators against President Lucio Gutiérrez**

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Ecuador's political crisis deepened on 20 April, when 60 out of 62 lawmakers of the Congress voted to dismiss President Lucio Gutierrez. Vice-President Alfredo Palacio has been appointed President by Congress, as required by the Constitution.

At present there are no demonstrations in progress. No decision has been taken on when elections will be held, or on how long Vice-President Palacio will remain in power, but discussions are underway.

**Many thanks to all who took action on this case. If possible, please send a final round appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Spanish or your own language:**

- urging the authorities to take urgent measures to ensure that the rule of law is upheld, and to maintain the independence and impartiality of the judicial system;
- calling on the authorities to investigate all allegations of human rights abuses committed by security forces in the course of the demonstrations held during the past week.

**APPEALS TO: (please bear in mind that with the present situation in the country, fax numbers may not be reliable. Please keep trying)**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Ecuador accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 June 2005.