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Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Integration

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The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs and has the honour to refer to the communication from the Secretary-General on the status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.

In that connection, I attach herewith a report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/30. The report describes Ecuador's progress in that regard, particularly within the framework of the National Committee on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Office of Legal Affairs the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

(Signed)

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Committee on the implementation of international humanitarian law

In 2006, the National Committee on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law was established through Executive Decree No. 1741, promulgated in Official Gazette No. 344 of 29 August 2006, as a standing body on which various State bodies are represented. Its objective is to oversee and contribute to effective fulfilment of the Ecuadorian Government's obligations under international humanitarian law through implementation of a National Action Plan.

The Committee comprises four working subcommittees: the Subcommittee for the preparation of and follow-up to recommendations concerning the signing and ratification of treaties; the Subcommittee on preparation of and follow-up to draft legislation; the Subcommittee on follow-up to awareness-raising and training events; and the Subcommittee on follow-up to institutional affairs and to the work of other national and international bodies in the field of human rights and international humanitarian law.

The Committee includes representatives of the Ministry for the Interior and the Police, the Ministry of Economic and Social Integration (formerly the Ministry of