

## **Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador**

### **Demonstration Planned for September 23**

September 22, 2010

The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to inform American citizens visiting or residing in the Quito area that a demonstration is planned for September 23 in the vicinity of the National Assembly building.

At approximately 9:00 a.m., members of the National Union of Educators (Union Nacional de Educadores (UNE)) plan to gather in Arbolito Park, which is located on 12 de Octubre y Tarqui. After gathering at the park, they will then march to the National Assembly building located at Avenida 6 de Diciembre y Piedrahita, Quito. Additionally, at approximately 10:00 a.m., members of the Public Workers Union also plan to gather in Arbolito Park and then march to the National Assembly building.

It is unknown how many individuals will participate in the marches and demonstrations, but American citizens can anticipate traffic congestion in the vicinity of the protest. The Educators are protesting for increased salaries and the Public Workers Union is protesting the proposed Public Service law.

American citizens are urged to avoid demonstrations if possible and to exercise caution when in the surrounding areas. The U.S. Embassy reminds American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Please note that foreigners participating in political demonstrations or protests of any kind may be subject to arrest and deportation under Ecuadorian law.

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Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The hours and telephone number for American Citizen Service enquiries is (011) 593-2-398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.

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