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## Chapter I

### LEGISLATIVE TEXTS CONCERNING THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND RELATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

#### ECUADOR

##### Decision No. 000082

##### **(Entry of citizens subject to the special regime who will be participating in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Habitat III)**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility

Whereas:

[...]

On 25 September 2015, the Framework Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of Ecuador on Provisions regarding Privileges and Immunities and Certain Other Matters relating to United Nations Meetings in Ecuador was signed in New York City,

Article IV, paragraph 1, of the Framework Agreement, stipulates: “1. All participants and persons performing functions in connection with a Meeting held in Ecuador shall have the right to enter and leave Ecuador without hindrance. If necessary, visas and entry permits will be granted free of charge and as quickly as possible. When applications are made four weeks before the opening of the Meeting, visas shall be granted not later than two weeks before the opening of the Meeting. When applications are made less than four weeks before the opening of the Meeting, visas shall be granted as quickly as possible and not later than three days before the opening of the Meeting. Arrangements will be made to ensure that visas for the duration of the Meeting are issued at the airport of arrival to those participants who were unable to obtain them earlier.”,

Article IV, paragraph 2, of the Framework Agreement stipulates: “2. Exit permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge, as speedily as possible and in any case not later than three days before the closing of the Meeting,” and,

The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Habitat III, will be held in the city of Quito, Ecuador, from 17 to 20 October 2016, and its main objective is to strengthen global political commitment to the sustainable development of towns, cities and other human settlements, both rural and urban; therefore, it is necessary to determine the class of visa to be granted to participants under the special regime,

In accordance with the powers conferred on him by article 154, paragraph 1, of the Constitution of the Republic of Ecuador and article 17 of the Statute of the Legal and Administrative Regime of the Executive Branch,

Decides as follows:

Article 1. To allow persons subject to the special regime who will participate in the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Habitat III to enter the country, and that they should be granted a 12X non-immigrant visa free of charge.

Article 2. To establish the procedure and requirements for the citizens of the countries subject to the special regime accredited to participate at the Habitat III Conference, as follows:

- (a) Registration for the event on the United Nations website;
- (b) Passport valid for at least 6 months;
- (c) Return air tickets and travel itinerary;
- (d) The visa process may be conducted in person or through the Virtual Consulate System of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (e) The 12X visa will be valid for up to 20 days; and
- (f) Holders of such visas may not change their immigration status on Ecuadorian territory.

Article 3. The Ecuadorian State reserves the right to prevent entry, to deny or cancel a visa, to those who do not meet the requirements established in this Ministerial Decision, in accordance with the provisions of article 5 of the Aliens Act and other laws in force.

Article 4. The Department of Human Mobility shall be responsible for the execution of this instrument.

[...]