English version Ecuador Statement

Ecuador is identified as a diverse, humans rights guarantor, intercultural and plurinational state; However, the current context contrasts sharply with the deep inequalities and the lack of allocation of resources that hinder access to health services, education, as well as the means of production, particularly affecting women and those populations, historically and structurally discriminated, such as indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, peasants, LGBTI communities, among others.

The economic model and external debt favor extractive activities, which generate the constant dispossession of land and ancestral territories, promote the destruction of ecosystems, perpetuate the violation of rights of those who, during the COVID 19 pandemic, have sustained the economy of our country and violate the rights of people and communities that have historically been left behind by our governments.

In this opportunity we would like to address the following questions to the Ecuadorian State:

1. What actions have been taken to finance and guarantee the implementation of the Law to prevent and eradicate violence against women, as well as mainstream the gender and intersectional approach in public policies, taking into consideration that 7 out of 10 Ecuadorian women have reported gender-based violence, a situation that worsened with the pandemic, particularly in rural and Amazon areas?

2. What actions have been taken to guarantee that prior consultation constitutes a rights-based approach process, in order to ensure access and control to the land, territories and natural resources of our ancestral peoples and rural peasant population, as well as ensuring rural women access, use and management of land, thereby guaranteeing food sovereignty?

3. How are you ensuring the implementation of environmental policies, constitutional mandates and your commitment to the Escazú Agreement, considering the dismissal of hundreds of public servants responsible for the care of forests, ecosystems and protected areas?

4. What actions have been taken to comply with the recommendations of international agreements and processes related to the eradication and sanction of so-called conversion therapies that affect the integrity of LGBTI people?