

# *Rafael Correa Defends Right to Take Part in Electoral Campaign*

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Quito, January 4 (RHC)-- Ecuador's President Rafael Correa said that he has the constitutional right to participate in the electoral campaign in support of his party's candidates to the upcoming February 23 regional elections.

I will be fully involved in the campaign with legitimacy and legality to consolidate the victory of the Citizen Revolution, said Correa on Saturday as he responded to a local newspaper, which considered it unethical for the head of state to get involved in the electoral campaign.

Correa, who heads the Alianza Pais Movement, asked the Parliament for a two-day leave without pay to participate in the campaign, which starts on January 7.

During the upcoming electoral process, 11 million 600 registered voters will elect 23 governors, 221 mayors, 1 thousand 305 councilors and other members of local authorities. The vote will count on the participation of dozens of national and international observers from political and electoral entities.

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