

# *Ecuador Withdraws from Inter-American Reciprocal Assistance Treaty*

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Quito, February 6 (RHC) — Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa has signed a decree that takes his country out of the Inter-American Reciprocal Assistance Treaty (TIAR), according to the Foreign Ministry.

Correa signed the decree yesterday after the approval of the National Assembly to denounce this international treaty, created in 1947 by the United States to uphold their geopolitical interests in the region during the Cold War.

It has been increasingly seen that TIAR is essentially political since the clauses that relate to the protection of the region against external threats are tied to events such as the military interventions in Guatemala in 1954, in Panama in 1964, in the Dominican Republic in 1965, and the isolation of Cuba from regional forums since 1962.

It was pointed out that the United States did not apply TIAR when there was a true external aggression against a Latin American country, as the case of Argentina in 1982 by the United Kingdom, what proves that TIAR was never intended as a defense agreement.

According to the Ecuadoran Foreign Ministry, the withdrawal from TIAR is a further step towards the construction of a continental doctrine of safety and defense, tuned to the reality of the contemporary world, towards the construction of a fair and equal world order and towards the development of relationships among States.

The withdrawal will be effective in two years after Ecuador notifies the General Secretary of Organization of the American States, the OAS.

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