

# *Ecuador Welcomes Sweden Decision to Question Assange in Embassy*

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Quito, March 14 (teleSUR-RHC) Ecuador's government expressed its support Swedish authorities' decision to question Julian Assange in its London embassy over allegations of sex crimes, for which the WikiLeaks founder has never been charged.

The Ecuadorean Foreign Ministry stated that “this could have been taken” much earlier as “the government of Ecuador has repeatedly made this offer since 2012, when it granted asylum to Mr. Assange.”

It describes the delay in the decision to question Assange is “a great injustice” and that as a result of “the Prosecutor's failure to fulfill their duty” the founder of WikiLeaks has been “deprived of freedom without charge in the United Kingdom, and confined in our embassy for almost a thousand days.”

Ecuador reiterated its view that this treatment “amounts to a violation of his human rights, at great personal cost to him and his family.”

Ecuador also offered its assistance to aid the Swedish questioning, stating, “Although an official request has yet to be received, Ecuador maintains its invariable position of judicial cooperation among

states...and remains open to collaborate with the Swedish authorities to facilitate the interview with Mr. Assange, provided that all rightful legal protections are afforded to him.”

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