

Permanent mission Ecuador on Item VI

Yes, madam I am right here. Good morning.

For Ecuador it is a [massive] pleasure to be here at the mission I am representative of minister Ocles. Ecuador has an experience of going through a moment of change and transition in building a new model of state as mentioned in the constitution of 2008 but also to consolidate a new society which is inclusive, inter-cultural, fair, and absolutely diverse. Our constitution in the country is such of the subject of study and observation because we put forward advanced proposals that help us to consolidate equity, solidarity, plural nationality and inter-culturally as basic mandates of wholesome living. In the sense we know clearly to be able to emerge from the obsolete system rooted in the old state system means breaking with the approaches, which have historically been those that have caused the exclusion and marginalisation of certain sectors.

Marginalised and discriminated we are talking about indigenous peoples and Afro-descendant peoples in the sense it is important to talk about a principle of life and change which is present today in Ecuador, which is a source of and reason of public policies and planning of the state as the world know of [...] or wholesome living. This principle changes the principle of the policy of the economics of the relationship with nature and between human beings. Wholesome living is rooted not only in having but basically being, doing and feeling. So which is what wholesome living means. So we have this need to consolidate wholesome living as a tool for the guarantee of the rights of citizens all of associated with the building of a new model of accumulation and redistribution and we know clearly that the strong in the [sea] of inequality and exclusion the consequence of a development strategy which has been based on the production of goods and accumulation of wealth and to place these into external markets. Now there are certain options such as the wholesome living, which involves radicalisation of the project of this change, project of the revolution building a pluri-national state and intercultural state. It is promoting plans and it is a tool through public policy.

(Translator interrupts the speaker for the reason that he is going very fast. The translator requests could the speaker slow down please)

Among these we have five main pillars. We have the right to equality, the right to non-discrimination, the cultural life and free expression, peaceful co-existence, the guarantee of cultural rights and collective rights and preparations. The land plan for redistribution involves the transfer of land and other property of different state institutions [not clear] devoted to agricultural production. I am going to move through this. Even more swiftly says the speaker a special bank for Ecuadorian institute for social security to support the majority of the population, who are in marginalised situations. Then we have an EPS, which is an institute for popular economy and solidarity consolidate the popular economy then we have a credit 5x5, which involves 5 000 dollars 5 year term with 5 per cent interest. The objective here is that the majority of Ecuadorians could and have access to production and then we have human development voucher of 25 dollars now which supports mothers, also people over the age of 65 and people who have

disabilities. Now what we are doing is not all that much but we are doing what we can to try to reverse this problem of inequality that the country suffered. Thank you.