

Open Letter to the President of Ecuador

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His Excellency Daniel Noboa Azin President of the Republic of Ecuador

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Mr. President,

I am writing to you as an ordinary citizen of Ecuador.

Not as a politician.

Not as an economist.

Not as someone observing the country from a distance.

But as someone who lives within this country — within its extraordinary geography, its social contrasts, its resilience, and its constant negotiation between beauty and difficulty.

Ecuador is a country of sharp verticality — not only in its mountains, but in its realities.

From the Pacific coast to the Andes and the Amazon, life changes dramatically within relatively short distances.

It is a country where geography is not background — it is destiny.

When I travel through Ecuador, I see a nation that is almost impossible to summarize in a single image.

Quito sits high in the Andes, calm and structured, surrounded by volcanoes that silently define the horizon.

Guayaquil feels entirely different — more dynamic, more intense, shaped by trade, commerce, and coastal energy.

And between them lies a country that is both unified and fragmented by terrain, economy, and opportunity.

This diversity is one of Ecuador's greatest strengths.

But it is also one of its structural challenges.

One of the most defining realities of Ecuador is its social contrast.

In urban centers, there is modern infrastructure, growing business activity, and a visible middle class.

At the same time, many rural and peripheral communities remain tied to older economic patterns — agriculture, informal work, and limited access to services.

This contrast is not accidental.

It is deeply connected to geography, infrastructure, and historical development

patterns.

Mr. President, Ecuador also carries the weight of its economic structure.

Oil has played a central role in national revenue for decades.

It has supported development, infrastructure, and state capacity.

But it has also created vulnerability — dependence on global price cycles, fiscal pressure during downturns, and political tension around resource management.

For ordinary citizens, these macroeconomic dynamics are not abstract.

They translate into employment stability, public service quality, and the cost of basic goods.

Another defining reality of Ecuador is its social resilience under pressure.

In many communities, life is not easy.

Yet people continue to build families, work, trade, and adapt.

Informal economic activity is not marginal — it is central to survival and flexibility.

This creates both fragility and adaptability at the same time.

One of Ecuador's most remarkable assets is its natural environment.

Few countries combine such biodiversity within such a compact territory.

The Andes, the Amazon rainforest, the Galápagos Islands — each represents a globally significant ecological system.

This natural wealth is not only an environmental treasure.

It is also a potential foundation for sustainable development.

But it requires careful governance, long-term planning, and protection from overexploitation.

At the same time, Mr. President, Ecuador's internal challenge remains consistency — consistency in security, economic opportunity, and institutional trust.

Citizens often experience a gap between national potential and local reality.

Between what the country could be, and what is experienced day to day.

Despite these challenges, there is strong national identity in Ecuador.

It is expressed not in a single cultural center, but in regional diversity.

It is expressed in food, music, indigenous heritage, coastal traditions, and Andean identity.

It is a country that does not speak with one voice, but still manages to remain one nation.

Mr. President,

The central question for Ecuador is not whether it has potential.

It clearly does.

The question is whether that potential can be transformed into stable, inclusive, and geographically balanced opportunity.

Because a country is not defined by its landscapes alone.

It is defined by whether its citizens, across all regions, can build dignified lives within them.

Respectfully,

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P.S. A Citizen's Audit of the Country

- Stability and Security: 3.5 / 5

Ecuador maintains functioning institutions but faces persistent security challenges and regional disparities in governance and safety.

- Economy and Standard of Living: 3.5 / 5

A resource- and oil-influenced economy supports development, but volatility, inequality, and informality constrain stability.

- Social Well-Being: 3.5 / 5

Strong community structures and cultural identity coexist with uneven access to services and opportunities across regions.

- Development and Future Prospects: 4.0 / 5

High long-term potential driven by biodiversity, geography, and resources, but dependent on governance quality and institutional strengthening.

Final Score: 3.63 / 5 — A Country of Extreme Natural Wealth and Structural Contrast

Ecuador is defined by its vertical geography and social contrasts.

Its future depends on turning natural and regional diversity into balanced and inclusive development.