



**The ICO calls on the global coffee community
to support earthquake victims in Ecuador**

1. The Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization (ICO) wishes to convey his sincere condolences to the Government of Ecuador and its people following the devastation left behind by the earthquake that hit the country on 16 April 2016. Hundreds of people have died and thousands were injured in the six affected provinces.
2. Many Ecuadorian students in the United Kingdom, with the support of the Embassy of Ecuador, have come together to raise funds for their country as it faces this arduous humanitarian challenge. The ICO, at the request of the Government of Ecuador (see attached communication), requests the support of the global coffee community to help to raise funds for the affected people.
3. Donations can be made through the following link <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/sos-ecuador>. Alternatively, donations can be made directly to a special account opened by the Embassy of Ecuador in the United Kingdom for this purpose:

Account Name:	Embajada de Ecuador
Account Number:	01079078
Sort Code:	23-47-36
IBAN:	GB89BBVA23473601079078
SWIFT:	BBVAGB2L

4. For more information, contact the fundraising team (contact information in the link above).



**EMBASSY OF ECUADOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
PERMANENT MISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
WITH HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON**

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The Embassy of Ecuador to the United Kingdom and Permanent Mission to International Organizations with headquarters in London presents its compliments to the International Coffee Organization (ICO) and regrets to inform that a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck the central coast of Ecuador on Saturday, 16 April. To date, at least 350 people have lost their lives, more than 2,000 have been injured and six provinces have been affected.

The Embassy of Ecuador to the United Kingdom and Permanent Mission to International Organizations with headquarters in London kindly requests the support of the ICO to include the following link: <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/sos-ecuador/> in its website for those wishing to make donations.

The Embassy of Ecuador to the United Kingdom and Permanent Mission to International Organizations with headquarters in London will be very grateful for any other aid mechanism the ICO may consider relevant.

The Embassy of Ecuador to the United Kingdom and Permanent Mission to International Organizations with headquarters in London avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Coffee Organization (ICO) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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To the Honourable
International Coffee Organization (ICO)
London