



An Opportunity for a New Society

The preamble of the Constitution of Ecuador, approved by the majority of votes in the popular referendum on the 28th of September, reads:

“We the people,

RECOGNIZE our roots that go back millenniums, forged by women and men from distinct nations,

CELEBRATE nature, Pachamama, of which we are part of and that is vital to our existence

INVOKED by the name of God and recognizing our diverse forms of religion and spirituality,

APPEALING to gain from the wisdom of all cultures that enrich our society, as heirs to the social struggles of liberation in contrast to all forms of domination and colonization, and a profound compromise between the present and the future.

WE HAVE DECIDED TO CONSTRUCT

A new form of coexistence

Based on diversity and harmony with nature

In order to reach a plain of fruitful life, “el sumac kawsay”;

A society that respects, in its entire dimension, the dignity of individuals and the collective whole;

A democratic country, committed to the integration of Latin America- the dream of Bolívar and

Alfaro- living in peace and solidarity with all the peoples of the planet, and by exercising our sovereignty ,in the city of Alfaro, Montecristi, in the province of Manabi, we are giving the present

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR”

The text of the new *carta magna*, more than vacant articles, is a reflection of the aspirations of the majority of the nation, of who have been regulated, excluded and marginalized. It does not propose gifts, but rights to the people and communities. The new constitution does not presuppose good voluntary action or the good heartedness of the governmental workers, but instead the sentiment of necessity and guarantees of the state and its institutions are offered with the rights of the people.

Ecuador has a new constitution that, finally, is an opportunity to construct a new society, a different homeland which include and accustom itself to the dominant classes.

The new constitution is a challenge that nobody can elude. Every conscious person must have an organized space to conquer the rights that are contained in this approved text. No rights come from the works or deeds of any government body.

Every right will be a social and political conquest in every parish, canton and province.

Every organization, rural and urban citizen must reflect on the information contained in the new constitution and grant it significance in their collective fight for a dignified society and democracy, which the people deserve.

In each one of us there is the obligatory action and verbiage to fight for the rights of all.