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Ecuador, the third safest country in South America

Ecuador continues adding efforts to become a world-class destination that provides quality services that tourists expect when planning their trips to this country, and of course, a place where they can feel safe.

The Ecuadorian Government is working to reinforce public safety in order to ensure the welfare of visitors that arrive to Ecuador looking for unique experiences. According to a recent report issued by Diego Fuentes, Minister of Internal Affairs, Ecuador has made an important progress regarding public safety, registering the lowest number of violent deaths in December 2015 in South America, after Chile and Argentina. Likewise, the Minister announced that Quito ranks among the safest cities in the region.

Among the actions that have been carried out to ensure public safety in the country, it is worth to mention the renovation of the Police Department and its Management Model implemented since 2011; the increase of police officers; the placement of surveillance cameras that operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, which are monitored by the Integrated Security System ECU 911.

In 2016, Ecuador plans to improve and strengthen the existing security systems in order to reduce crime rates, that was the commitment by the Ecuadorian Security Office's meeting that took place last Thursday, with the participation of President Rafael Correa and officials of the Attorney General's Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Policy Management, ECU 911, among others.