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Mr Bill Fisch,
Regional Chair and CEO
The Regional Municipality of York
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Dear honoured friend,

In the past, York Region has very generously and kindly donated two ambulances through Friends of Ecuador to

- The Firefighters in the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, and
- Hospital Vozandes del Oriente, a mission hospital serving the local and indigenous population of the eastern jungles of Ecuador.

You will have received pictures and other appropriate follow-up related to these two wonderful gifts. If anything is lacking in this regard, please let me know.

As I believe you know, Friends of Ecuador is registered in Ontario as a not-for-profit corporation. No one in our corporation receives any remuneration whatsoever for their donated time and effort. We do not have tax receipt status nor have we sought it.

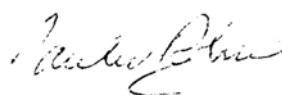
Of course, ambulances are always needed in Ecuador and we have a list of those who need such vehicles.

We have put La Casa del Hombre Doliente (free translation: the home for hurting people) at the top of our list. This is a hospice facility providing compassionate and competent care for the very poor. It is operated by a group of Catholic nursing sisters whom we admire greatly. Incidentally, I visited this exceptional institution just a few months ago when I was in Ecuador. I will gladly furnish additional information upon request.

I know you must receive numerous requests for donated ambulances, but may I respectfully and sincerely ask that our needs be placed on the list when such vehicles are decommissioned and might become available.

Thank you, Sir, and with warmest greetings to you and the members of Council,

Most cordially and gratefully,



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