



**FRIENDSHIP and COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
CITY OF TORONTO (CANADA)  
AND  
CITY OF QUITO (ECUADOR)**

*The City of Toronto, Canada and the City of Quito, Ecuador, hereby represented by Toronto Mayor David Miller and Quito Mayor General Paco Moncayo, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,*

*Based on the Letter of Interest sent by Quito Mayor on October 27, 2005 as well as the approval by Toronto City Council and consistent with the by-laws and policy frameworks of each city;*

*Recognizing the strong links between the citizens of Toronto and Quito City; and*

*Celebrating the important contribution the Ecuadorian community has made to enrich Toronto's development.*

*Hereby acknowledge their desire to further enhance and facilitate their relationship for the mutual benefit of the residents and businesses of the two cities, and within the capacity and authority of both,*

*Have agreed as follows:*

**ARTICLE 1**

*The implementation of this Agreement requires the partnership between both governments and the community and will be driven and maintained through the community's energy and commitment.*

**ARTICLE 2**

*The Parties will encourage cooperation between public and private entities such as the Consulates of Canada and Ecuador, the Association of Ecuadorians in Ontario (Toronto), the Chamber of Commerce Ecuador – Canada (Toronto) and the Ecuadorian Canadian Chamber of Commerce (Quito).*

**ARTICLE 3**

*The Parties will identify an entity or group in each city for the purpose of coordinating, promoting, implementing, and monitoring of projects and initiatives arising out of this Agreement.*

ARTICLE 4

The Parties will support projects aimed to provide better understanding and foster a favourable environment for mutual development in their communities.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties will share and exchange information on local issues of mutual interest and provide information to their communities via such mechanisms as linking their websites.

ARTICLE 6

The Parties will encourage cooperation and exchange of experience, with reciprocal meetings as required, in the fields of mutual interest such as municipal administration and city management, business development, tourism, construction, public transportation, environmental protection, science, and culture.

ARTICLE 7

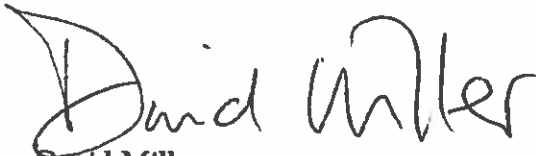
The Parties will monitor the relationship and will discuss modifications to this agreement should the need arise.

ARTICLE 8

The Agreement takes effect as of the date of signature and will be valid for five (5) years. The Agreement will be reviewed in its final year and can be extended for another five (5) years if requested in writing by both Parties.

Agreement signed in Toronto, Canada and Quito, Ecuador in two (2) originals, each in English and Spanish languages, and of equal authenticity.

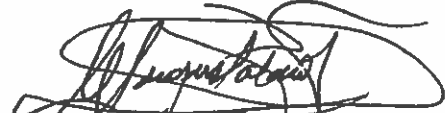
FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO



David Miller

Mayor

Date: November 19, 2006

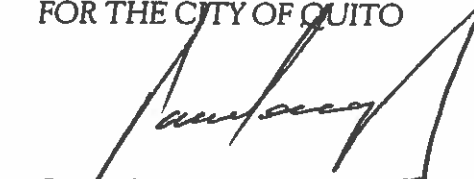


Councillor César Palacio

Sponsoring Councillor

Date:

FOR THE CITY OF QUITO



General Paez Moncayo

Mayor

Date:



Andrés Vallejo

Vice Mayor

Date: