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QUESTIONS POSED BY THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION OF ECUADOR¹

The following communication, dated and received on 24 January 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

The United States appreciates Ecuador's subsidy notification and poses the following questions regarding programs that do not appear to be contained in the notification.

Question 1

- a. Based on the State Department's Investment Climate Statement, we understand that Ecuador passed the Organic Law for Production Incentives and Tax Fraud Prevention in December 2014, which includes provisions to improve tax stability and lower the income tax rate in the mining sector. Why has Ecuador not notified this program?
- b. We encourage Ecuador to notify this program, if appropriate.

Question 2

- a. Based on the State Department's Investment Climate Statement, we understand that the Productive Development Law of 2018 enumerates tax incentives for new investments and investments in rural or border areas. Why has Ecuador not notified this program?
- b. We encourage Ecuador to notify this program, if appropriate.

¹ G/SCM/N/372/ECU