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**NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**

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1. The Permanent Representation of Ecuador to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has requested the Technical Secretariat to bring to the attention of Member States the Declaration of the Sixth Conference of Ministers of Defence of the Americas, which was held in Quito, Ecuador, from 16 to 21 November 2004. The full text of the Declaration (the Declaration of Quito) can be obtained at the following Internet address: <http://vicdmaecuador2004.org>.
2. The Ministers of Defence and Heads of Delegations participating in the Sixth Conference of Ministers of Defence of the Americas declared the following, *inter alia*:
  - “21. They reiterate the region’s commitment to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and to the universal application of the Biological Weapons Convention, the Chemical Weapons Convention, and the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons. They reaffirm their support to international organizations in charge of monitoring these agreements, including the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and its strengthened system of safeguards, and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.”

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