THE EMBASSY OF ECUADOR IN THE UNITED STATES PROMOTES DIALOGUE BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS AND AUTHORITIES OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The Ambassador of Ecuador to the United States, Ivonne Baki, convened the GRULA Ambassadors accredited to the United States Government, in order to hold a meeting with Mr. Juan González, Senior Director for the Western Hemisphere of the National Security Council (NSC) and Ms. Julie Chung, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere.

This meeting was held at the Residence of the Embassy of Ecuador in the United States, on April 21, 2021.

The conversation with Mr. González and Mrs. Chung provided an open and honest exchange between the Ambassadors of the region and the highest representatives of the United States for Latin American affairs. Among the main issues addressed were the need to coordinate access to vaccines for countries in the region—a process in which the involvement of the United States is crucial, the creation of economic opportunities to overcome the crisis triggered by the pandemic, and support for democracy in the region and to reduce migration, the relevance of acting jointly in the resolution of the Venezuelan crisis, among others.

During the meeting, Ambassador Baki expressed that “the region offers many opportunities and is a natural ally of the United States, so it is essential that the Biden Administration give the region the necessary priority to be able to advance in common processes.”

This was the first meeting of the GRULA for more than a year and a half and was attended by the Ambassadors of Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela and Charge d’Affaires of Brazil, Colombia, Panama and Paraguay. In addition, the Ambassador of Spain participated.

Mr. González held a meeting with President Lenín Moreno during his visit to the United States last January.