FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM (FMS)

The **Foreign Military Sales Program (FMS)** is a program through which an eligible foreign government purchases defense articles, services, and training from the Government of the United States. The purchasing government pays all costs associated with the sale. Essentially, it signs a government-to-government agreement, normally documented through a Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) between the Government of the United States and a foreign government, in this case Ecuador. During Fiscal Year 2009, the USMILGP has provided assistance to the Armed Forces of Ecuador in the development and/or acquisition of articles through the Foreign Military Sales Program for a total of **$2,112,940**.