INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM (IMET)

The **International Military Education and Training Program (IMET)** is a key component of the U.S. Security Assistance Program and it provides training through scholarships for foreign students from allied nations. It is financed from the budget for The Department of State's International Affairs. The objectives of the IMET program are achieved through a variety of educational and military training activities for military and civilian personnel. These activities include formal training through approximately 2,000 courses which are offered at approximately 150 schools and military installations, practical training, orientation visits, and mobile training teams, which offer the instruction in foreign host countries. During Fiscal Year 2009 and in support of this program, the Government of the United States assigned **$304,168** to Ecuador, of which **$275,005** were used for education and/or training. Funds in the amount of **$29,163** were lost through cancellation of courses or non-acceptance of courses due to per diem costs to be incurred by the Armed Forces.