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NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: Breakthrough in Ecuador for Road Safety

Second UN Global Road Safety Week

IRSA – Ecuador, supported by IRSA – Spain and the Staff Bureau of the IRSA – Association organized on 23 and 24 April a series of road safety training sessions at the San Francisco University in Quito for Ecuadorean traffic police officers. The trainers were specialists from Toledo and Barcelona, provided by IRSA – Spain. The two days training was a great success and attended by 220 traffic police officers of all ranks. Programs were focused on the improvement of all kind of traffic enforcement topics including policy and strategy. The event was organized within the framework of the Second UN Global Road Safety Week.

IRSA – Ecuador participated also in a by the UN WHO organized Road Safety event in Quito on Wednesday evening 24 April with a presentation about the vision of IRSA how to approach the global road safety problems with solutions and proposals.

Speed / Red light camera projects

IRSA – Association and IRSA - Ecuador signed agreements with the authorities of the provinces of Pincincha and Guayaquil in Ecuador to start two speed and red light enforcement projects.

On the highway between Quito and San Rafael the first 12 digital speed cameras will be installed and also in Guayaquil the first digital red light and speed cameras will be installed.

It is the first time that this type of digital speed and red light enforcement technology will be introduced in Latin-America. The revenues of the violations will be used for road safety purposes.

The introduction of new road safety training and traffic education programs and the introduction of new enforcement and emergency technology will be made possible by this IRSA model. All the involved authorities accepted the proposed projects. IRSA – Association will deliver a “full package” of road safety projects to the provincial and traffic police authorities of Pincincha, the national traffic police, the University of San Fransico in Quito and the transit police authorities of Guayaquil.

The agreements make it possible to create the first traffic police academy in Latin-America at the compound of the San Francisco University in Quito for basis police officers up to Master Degree and PhD level students. IRSA – Spain and the University of Valencia / INTRAS are involved with the dissimination of their programs.

It has been decided to have the first digital speed and red light camera operational in Guayaquil on 25 July 2007.