

LASA condemns serious excesses in the use of force in Chile, Ecuador, and Haiti

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Faced with the growth of social upheaval in several Latin American countries, LASA condemns the serious excesses in the use of force, particularly in Chile, Ecuador, and Haiti. The state's call for a state of emergency and curfews in Ecuador and Chile has resulted in arrests, injuries, and even the death of protesters, many of them belonging to the most vulnerable groups in society, including student movements and educational communities.

LASA deplores the violent events caused by the excessive use of state force as a serious violation of the human rights of the civilian population and of university autonomy. It also calls on the states to prevent the criminalization and prosecution of social protest, to respect the physical integrity and dignity of protesters, and to effectively listen and respond to citizens' demands in a democratic environment that respects human rights.

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