

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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| <b>Executing agency:</b>                | Instituto Ecuatoriano de Propiedad Intelectual [Ecuadorian Intellectual Property Institute] (IEPI)  |                    |
| <b>Amount and source:</b>               | MIF (Window I)  | US\$245,000        |
|   | Local counterpart:  | <u>US\$105,000</u> |
|   | Total:  | US\$350,000        |
| <b>Financial terms and conditions:</b>  | Nonreimbursable   |                    |
| <b>Execution timetable:</b>             | Execution period:   | 18 months          |
|   | Disbursement period:  | 24 months          |
| <b>Objectives:</b>                      | <p>The general objective of the project is to improve legal certainty, promote private investment, and improve competitiveness. The specific objective is to guarantee legal certainty for intellectual property rights through knowledge of the intellectual property system provided for under the Intellectual Property Law in effect since 19 May 1998 and the international, regional, and subregional agreements to which Ecuador is a party.</p> |                    |
| <b>Description:</b>                     | <p>To achieve the project objectives, three components will be carried out: (i) training; (ii) dissemination; and (iii) reference materials.</p>  |                    |
| <b>Environmental and social review:</b> | <p>This operation was reviewed by the Committee on Environment and Social Impact (CESI) at its meeting on 14 September 2001. With regard to the training and dissemination activities, the Committee recommended that the issue of intellectual property rights of indigenous peoples and nations (designs, cultural heritage, and biodiversity management) be taken into account. Its recommendation is included in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.11.</p>       |                    |
| <b>Benefits and beneficiaries:</b>      | <p>The principal beneficiaries of the project will be individuals belonging to the following groups: owners of small and medium-sized enterprises, artisans, and researchers in university and polytechnic school research centers. They will become familiar with the legal framework regulating intellectual property and the rights and</p>  |                    |

obligations of the institutions that protect, monitor, and impose sanctions in relation to intellectual property rights, thereby ensuring greater legal certainty and promoting investment and scientific research. The program will also benefit judges and magistrates, specialized prosecutors, customs officials, the judicial police, and journalists, who will be trained in the protection and defense of intellectual property rights. In addition, IEPI staff and other public-sector officials concerned with the issue will be indirect beneficiaries through their participation in the events, seminars, and workshops to be carried out under the project.

**Special  
contractual  
clauses:**

In addition to the general contractual conditions applicable to this operation, the following condition must be met as a condition precedent to the first disbursement: the executing agency must submit to the Bank, within two months from the date on which the agreement is signed, evidence that the executing unit has been created and is operating.

**Exceptions to  
Bank policy:**

None.