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### III. *YOUR BUSINESS VISIT*

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#### Advise and Consult Your Embassy

Canadian business people planning to visit Ecuador should advise the Commercial Division of the Canadian Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, with a copy to the commercial officer resident in Quito. This should be done well in advance either via airmail — please allow three weeks — or preferably by telex. You should provide information on the purpose of the visit, the products or services involved and the arrangements required. These details will allow the commercial staff to arrange a tentative itinerary and appointment schedule so that business persons may use their time effectively. The sooner the Commercial Secretary is advised, the easier it is to conduct effective market research and prepare visit arrangements.

#### Travel Documents

Tourists require a valid passport, a ticket to leave the country and a Migratory Control Card which is obtained from Ecuadorian immigration authorities upon arrival in Ecuador. This card is stamped on arrival and is valid for 90 days. A vaccination certificate for smallpox is also required.

If remunerative actions are to be undertaken in Ecuador, application for a business visa should be made through an Ecuadorian Embassy or Consulate well before travelling to that country.

These requirements are all subject to change and the Canadian traveller is advised to contact an Ecuadorian Embassy or Consulate well in advance of planned departure.

#### Internal Travel

Travel between the main centres of Ecuador, especially Quito, Guayaquil and Cuenca, should generally be made by air, which is not expensive. The road system is extensive but ranges from very good to poor condition. Travel time by road is generally greater than for comparable distances in Canada. Rail travel between Guayaquil and Quito is possible but only recommended for sightseeing.