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***National Civil Defence Directorate***  
***(Dirección Nacional de Defensa Civil)***

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***1. Legislation :***

- The Law on national security published in no. 887 of the Official Journal (2 August 1979):
- The amendment to the Law on national security published in no. 769 of the Official Journal (29 August 1995).

***2. Mission:***

Civil defence encompasses all those activities undertaken by the State for the benefit of the community and intended to develop and coordinate the measures taken in the fields of forecast, the prevention of disasters of kinds, the reduction of the damages to people and property and operations in the stricken zones to allow the continuity of administrative and normal activities.

***3. Regulation and procedure:***

The National Civil Defence Directorate is a permanent organisation in charge of planning, coordinating and supervising the national civil defence system.

The national civil defence system brings together all private and public, national, provincial, municipal, parish and communal organisations and institutions. By integrating coordination it carries out operations to protect the population and its property before, during and after a natural or man-made disaster.

#### **4. Organisation:**

- National Civil Defence Directorate;
- Provincial committees for citizens' safety and civil defence;
- District and parish committees for citizens' safety and civil defence;
- Civil defence units of the security planning and national development directorates
- Directorates of special zones and of other organisations established according to needs.

#### **5. Personnel:**

The President of the Republic is the supreme civil defence authority.

The National Civil Defence Directorate comprises the technical and administrative sections implementing the legislative and regulatory objectives. It relies to this end on the coordination and supervision department, the operations, technical and training departments and the institutional services as well as on the hydrology, geology, vulcanology, communications and environment divisions, the legal division and the international projects and the social communications divisions.

#### **6. Equipment:**

The Directorate has available a national telecommunications network, vehicles and ambulances.

#### **7. Finances:**

The Directorate is funded: from

- the national government's ordinary and extraordinary budgets;
- assistance, gifts, subventions and contributions from public organisations and national and international organisations and individuals;
- its own non-replaceable property and real estate.

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**Major General**  
**National Director of Civil Defence**

***Studies:***

- Civil engineering
- Industrial engineering
- Proficiency course in nuclear engineering, specialising in the construction and development of experimental nuclear power plants at the “Juan Bigon” Nuclear Institute and the *Complutense* University, Madrid, Spain.
- Masters degree (MA) in commercial sciences from the *Instituto de Empresa* , Madrid, Spain.

***Professional experience:***

- Second in command and Commander of the “Chimborazo” engineers battalion;
- Chief of staff and commander of the Army engineer corps;
- Military attaché to the Embassy of Ecuador in Spain;
- Commander of the “Pastaza” brigade;
- Executive director of the army’s industries management
- President of the Ecuadorian atomic energy commission;
- Responsible for the SOTE unit, and
- Constructor of buildings and public highways in the Armed Forces.