GOVERNMENT BODY OF ECUADOR

ECUADOR HAS BEEN, IS AND WILL BE AMAZON COUNTRY

Administration of the Hon. Mr. Dr. Dn. José María Velasco Ibarra, Constitutional President of the Republic

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No 128 - C.L.P. The Legislative Commission Considering:

That the Vilcabamba valley located in the parish of the same name, belonging to the Loja canton, Loja province, has exceptional natural environmental properties, evidenced by the longevity of its inhabitants and, according to scientific evidence, that allow a state of "compensation "For heart conditions, the same as in the native population are not significantly present.

That such natural properties of place, in the Vilcabamba valley, should be used in a convenient way, both for the benefit of the region, as well as with integration projections to the General Development Plan of the Country.

That it is essential to carry out infrastructure works in the Vilcabamba valley to promote its urban and demographic development, with a view to establishing a tourist complex of national interest, for which purpose, it is necessary to provide the necessary means to the entities that are related to this purpose.

That the Auxiliary Commission of Social and Labor Legislation, dated May 28, 1969, has issued a favorable report.

Decree:

- Art. 1. For economic and social development planning purposes, and due to the extraordinary natural qualities of the place, the rural parish of Vilcabamba in the Loja canton, province of Loja, shall be declared a National Reserve Zone.
- The I. Cantonal Council of Loja will issue, after the opinion of the National Planning and Coordination Board and the Ministry of Public Health, the respective Ordinance delimiting, with precision, the boundaries of said National Reserve Zone, and establishing the other necessary relationships for the full compliance with this Decree.
- Art. 2. The I. Loja Cantonal Council, in common agreement with the National Planning and Coordination Board and with the Loja and Zamora Chincipe Economic Recovery Board, will issue special regulations for cases in which, by public initiative or private, were to establish tourist exploitation industries or commercial companies of any kind that, for their own purposes, are supplied with the extraordinary natural characteristics and qualities of the Vilcabamba parish.
- Art. 3 The Ministry of Public Health, within the National Rural Health Plan, will build a sanatorium in said reserve area, a construction that, due to the circumstances described, will have priority. For

this purpose, the Cantonal Council is authorized to donate the unnecessary land to the Ministry of Public Health.

Art. 4 - The Executive Branch will issue stamps for the value of six million sucres, of which three million sucres will be used in the construction of the Loja - Vilcabamba highway, and the remaining three, in construction works. sanitation and urbanization of the Vilcabamba parish.

The six million sucres fund will be administered directly by the Economic Recovery Board of Loja and Zamora Chincipe.

Art.5 - This Decree will enter into force from its publication in the Official Registry.

Given in the Meeting Room of the Permanent Legislative Commission, in Quito, on May 30, 1969.

f.) Dr. Arsenio Vivanco Neiro, President. - f.) Dr. Angel Merino Vellejo, Lawyer Secretary.

Secretary General of Public Administration. - Quito, June 26, 1969. - In accordance with the last subsection of Art. 151 of the Political Constitution of the State, this decree was effectively sanctioned. - f.) Edgar Terán Terán, Secretary General of Public Administration "

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