Ecuador: Physicians' Strike Ends

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On July 1, an indefinite strike by public sector physicians was concluded after the government offered to meet several of the strikers' demands. Among other things, the government pledged to pay physicians overdue salaries on July 5; accelerate studies on the needs of all hospitals throughout the country; gradually acquire medical equipment; and, channel the equivalent of $20 million into a hospital rehabilitation fund. Physicians in Quito commenced the strike June 10. On June 24, counterparts and hospital administrative staff in Guayaquil and other cities joined the strike. (Basic data from EFE, 07/01/91)

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