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## Press Release

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### **Ecuador institutes proceedings against Mexico**

THE HAGUE, 29 April 2024. Ecuador today filed an Application instituting proceedings against Mexico before the International Court of Justice with regard to a dispute relating to the alleged violation by Mexico of a series of obligations owed to Ecuador under international law, arising from Mexico's conduct relative to Mr Jorge David Glas Espinel (the former Vice-President of Ecuador).

In its Application, Ecuador contends that Mexico used the premises of its diplomatic mission in Quito between 17 December 2023 and 5 April 2024 "to shield Mr. Glas from enforcement by Ecuador of its criminal law" in relation to several criminal proceedings and investigations instituted by Ecuador against him, and that these actions "constituted, among other things, a blatant misuse of the premises of a diplomatic mission". Ecuador further accuses Mexico of unlawfully granting Mr Glas political asylum and of interfering in its internal affairs.

Ecuador seeks to found the Court's jurisdiction on Article 36, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court and Article XXXI of the Pact of Bogotá, to which both States are parties.

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The [Application](#) instituting proceedings is available on the Court's website.

The French version of this press release will be issued in due course.

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