

## Statement on the assassination of Fernando Villavicencio, candidate for the presidency of the Republic of Ecuador

August 10, 2023 — ParlAmericas strongly condemns the assassination of the presidential candidate for the Republic of Ecuador, **Fernando Villavicencio**, which occurred while he was campaigning in Quito.

Political violence is an affront to the people of Ecuador and gravely undermines peace and democracy. The safety and security of electoral candidates is paramount for a free democratic electoral process.

ParlAmericas extends its deepest condolences to Mr. Villavicencio's family, colleagues and supporters and stands in solidarity with the Ecuadorian people at this difficult time.

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