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## **STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN ENGEL ON YESTERDAY'S EVENTS IN ECUADOR**

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Eliot Engel, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, issued the following statement regarding the Ecuadorian police's capture of President Rafael Correa yesterday:

“I was deeply disturbed by yesterday's events in Ecuador. Policy disagreements must be resolved through dialogue. No matter the disagreement that the Ecuadorian police had with President Rafael Correa, it is not appropriate to resolve matters through violence and extra-constitutional means.

“I stand with the inter-American community and the Obama administration in my support for Rafael Correa, the constitutionally-elected president of Ecuador. Yesterday's events were inexcusable, and the Ecuadorian people deserve much better.”