

# Study visit of the National Court of Justice of Ecuador

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**On 3 June 2022, the Court of cassation welcomed Mr. José Dionisio Suing Nagua, President of Chamber of the National Court of Justice of Ecuador, in charge of reform projects, accompanied by H.E. Mr. Oscar Orrantia, Ambassador of Ecuador to France, for a study visit on the missions and functioning of the Court of cassation and the various reforms aiming at reducing the time required to process cases.**

This meeting was held as part of a study visit organised by the Ministry of Justice whose goal was to present the French legal and jurisdictional system.

The visit gave the opportunity to all participants to discuss the structures and organisations of both courts, and the challenges faced by the two courts, particularly in improving the processing of appeals and harmonising working methods.

Mr. Denis Jardel, Elder Judge, presented the previous reflections conducted by the Court of cassation on filtering and the final choice to set up differentiated circuits for processing appeals. He also presented the ongoing and upcoming reforms. Thereafter, Ms. Inès Cherichi, judge referee, deputy director of the Service of Documentation, Studies and Report (SDRE), explained the missions of this service and the role of the observatory of the judicial disputes, which will be implemented soon, in line with the conclusions of the Commission "Court of cassation 2030" in order to improve the

appeals' processing. Finally, the judge referees Xavier Serrier (first civil chamber) and Olivier Violeau (criminal chamber) detailed the mechanisms for handling appeals in civil and criminal matters, providing various information on the working methods, the tools available to judges and the specific features of each of these matters.

At the end of the meeting and its fruitful discussions, it was agreed to continue the exchanges on these various issues, in particular on the tools for rationalising the processing of cases.

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