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Today, in Ecuador, new principles about water were announced that will be proposed for inclusion in the new Ecuadorian Constitution. The 13 members of the *Commission on Natural Resources and Biodiversity* agreed on the following three principles that will be presented for elaboration in the new constitution:

1- Water is a national good of public use and belongs to nature and to all Ecuadorians.

2-Water is a fundamental human right and it cannot be surrendered by anybody. No person, regardless of race, social or economic status, religious beliefs, or political affiliation, can be excluded from the right to access water.

3-It must be declared in the New Constitution that water is a strategic resource of Ecuador.