

## UNASUR discusses US-Colombia deal

By [Global Research](#)

Global Research, September 16, 2009

[Radio Netherlands Worldwide](#) 15 September  
2009

Region: [Latin America & Caribbean](#)

Theme: [Militarization and WMD](#)

Foreign and defence ministers from the 12 countries in the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) are meeting in Ecuador today. The United States' military presence in Colombia will be high on the agenda.

This summer, the governments in Washington and Bogotá agreed that US troops would play a greater role in fighting the cocaine trade in Colombia. Under the deal, the US will be allowed to use military bases in Colombia.

The leaders of most neighbouring countries are left-wing and fear the pact will lead to increased US influence in the region. The conference is also expected to discuss the recent acquisition of weapons by Venezuela and Brazil.

The UNASUR group was formed to promote understanding between its members and improve relations. It comprises Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Surinam, Uruguay and Venezuela.

UNASUR flag (Wikimedia Commons)



The original source of this article is [Radio Netherlands Worldwide](#)  
Copyright © [Global Research](#), [Radio Netherlands Worldwide](#), 2009

---

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)

[www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)