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30 October 2023

Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the fourth cycle review of Peru by the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group at its 42nd session in January/February 2023. The constructive engagement between your Government, my Office, and the UPR mechanism is warmly welcome. As the final outcome report on the review of Peru was recently adopted by the Human Rights Council at its 53rd session, I have also taken note of the efforts of your Government to implement specific recommendations since the previous review.

A matrix of thematically clustered recommendations, starting with those supported by your Government, is available at OHCHR's website (<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/pe-index>) and should be considered as part of this letter. The matrix indicates the recommending State and links each recommendation to relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In annex, I have also attached my Office's observations in light of the outcome of the fourth cycle of the UPR. In line with previous practice, I will be sending similar observations to all Member States once their fourth cycle UPR outcome is adopted by the Human Rights Council, with a view to follow-up action in close cooperation with national entities and other stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to draw your attention to the support available through the Voluntary Fund for UPR Implementation, which may be activated at the request and with the consent of a concerned State, along with tools such as the "UPR practical guidance" and the "UN good practices" repository on how the UPR process supports sustainable development, available at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/upr-main>, with a view to facilitating efforts to implement UPR recommendations in line with the SDGs.

Please accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Volker Türk

Her Excellency
Ms. Ana Cecilia Gervasi Díaz
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru



Observations in light of the outcome of the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review

The adoption of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (2021–2025), awareness-raising among the authorities on the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and advocacy vis-à-vis State-owned companies to comply with their obligations in the field of business and human rights, are important steps taken by Peru. Also noteworthy is the creation, in 2021, of the “Intersectoral Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders”, and the decentralization of its work in three regions to date, including areas of special risk for defenders of the environment and the rights of indigenous peoples.

Another positive development is the commitment of the Government to the integration of more than 1.5 million migrants in the country, through the consolidation of temporary and permanent migration regularization processes, which have allowed more than 200,000 migrants who were in irregular migration status to have easier access to health services, education and formal employment.

In light of the recent protests in the country between December 2022 and February 2023, it is important that the use of force by State security agents be always exercised in accordance with international human rights standards, in particular the principles of legality, necessity and proportionality. It is essential to address increasing threats to the independence of the judiciary and the electoral system, including by providing with adequate protection.

Peru is encouraged to redouble its responses to concerns expressed about patterns of sexual and gender-based violence, including the development of public policies for the prevention of such violence and the strengthening and expansion of a specialized justice system.

Peru is also encouraged to develop an implementation plan in follow up to the UPR outcome, in close consultation and cooperation with all stakeholders, in particular the Congress of the Republic, the judiciary, the Peruvian Ombudsman’s Office, local and regional governments, and civil society organizations. The matrix may be of use in the development of such an implementation plan. The Government is encouraged to explicitly link each UPR recommendation to corresponding recommendations of other international or regional human rights mechanisms and to the relevant SDG and its targets. This will, in turn, facilitate the creation of synergies between UPR implementation and SDG related actions and reporting within the context of the Voluntary National Review (VNR).



The Government is further encouraged to further strengthen the National Human Rights Council, with the aim of ensuring a coordinated and effective approach to reporting to international human rights mechanisms, and to implementing the recommendations, in line with the guidance provided by OHCHR following regional consultations and the High Commissioner's report to the Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/50/64](#)).

Further, an important measure that could positively contribute to follow-up action is voluntary mid-term UPR reporting. All Member States are encouraged to submit a voluntary mid-term UPR report some two years after the adoption of the UPR outcome. In this regard, the Government of Peru may wish to consider submitting a mid-term report on follow-up to the fourth cycle UPR recommendations by 2025, detailing both implementation efforts as well as challenges to implementation, including the possible need for technical or capacity-building assistance.

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