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### Finland's questions and recommendations to Peru

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Madam President,

Finland wishes to thank Peru for the national report and its presentation today. Finland commends Peru for initiating preparations for a national human rights plan for the years 2012–2016.

Finland welcomes Peru's achievements to reduce the overall maternal mortality rate. However, the rate has not decreased in a similar manner among all women. Particularly women in poor and marginalized communities are unable to access proper sexual and reproductive health services. Also, even if therapeutic abortions in specific cases are legal, women and girls still face the risk of dying from pregnancies that are recognized as posing a grave risk to their health.

Finland would be interested in hearing about the measures being taken to address these concerns, and if Peru is taking steps to decriminalise abortion in cases of pregnancy resulting from rape or sexual abuse.

Finland is concerned about the reports of excessive use of force by Peruvian authorities in the context of policing social protests. Finland would be interested in hearing about the measures being taken to address the concerns related to the Legislative Decrees No. 1094 and No. 1095, and to ensure that the protestors' rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly are effectively protected.

Finland has the following recommendations:

- Adopt and implement a national protocol to guarantee equal access to therapeutic abortion for women and girls as part of sexual and reproductive health services.
- Review the Legislative Decrees No. 1094 and No. 1095 to ensure that they are in line with international human rights standards.

Thank you.