

Hungary's Statement on Peru, UPR 14th Session, 1 November 2012

Madam President,

Hungary warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Peru and thanks it for its comprehensive national report providing a detailed update on the implementation of the recommendations of the previous cycle.

We congratulate Peru on the efforts made to increase cooperation with the OHCHR and the special procedures of the HRC, in particular by extending a standing invitation to all mandate holders. We encourage Peru to continue on this path and **we recommend** that it reply to all outstanding communications sent to it by the OHCHR.

We commend Peru for the enactment of the 2011 Act on the Right of Indigenous Peoples to Prior Consultation as an important step forward towards the promotion and protection of the rights of those vulnerable groups. We note with concern, however, that a significant number of indigenous organizations have not participated in the first round of consultations. **We recommend** that Peru, in cooperation with the ILO, take the necessary steps to ensure an inclusive consultation process aiming at a more effective implementation of the relevant legislation.

We welcome recent steps taken by Peru to eradicate child labour and the measures implemented to improve the quality of education. We remain concerned, however, about the high drop out and repetition rates, particularly for girls in rural areas as well as about the high illiteracy rate among indigenous peoples. We encourage Peru to strengthen its efforts to address these concerns and **we recommend** that the Government further increase the education budget to allow for the establishment of intercultural bi-lingual schools in all three educational cycles and the roll-out of remedial academic programs. Also, can the Delegation elaborate on how the Government intends to ensure that teaching staff is adequately trained to ensure bi-lingual education in all parts of the country?

Also, we are concerned about the use of children in armed combat, in particular with regard to narco-trafficking and terrorism as reported by the Ombudsman. **We recommend** that the Government rescue and protect the children held by terrorist groups, develop a programme for the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of these children into society, and sanction the recruitment of child soldiers by the Peruvian Armed Forces.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation for Peru's active engagement in this Council and its commitment towards the promotion and respect of human rights.

Thank you Madam President.