**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Peru,**

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**Delivered by Ms. Branka Bell**

Thank you, Mr. President.

The United States welcomes the delegation of Peru.

We commend Peru for its follow-up to the Lima Commitment on combatting government corruption. We are concerned by violence associated with the December 2022 political protests and by threats to press freedom, including legislative proposals to limit investigative journalism, and increased intimidation of journalists.

We recommend that Peru:

1. Promptly respond to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child’s December 16 call to investigate violence against children and ensure respect for children’s rights in connection with recent protests.

2. Improve law enforcement and judicial responses to and attacks and aggression directed at members of the press and environmental defenders, including gender-based violence.

3. Improve consultations with Indigenous peoples and all other populations affected by the environmental consequences of mineral extraction and establish mechanisms for accountability when standards for extraction are not met.

We wish Peru a successful UPR. I thank you.