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**UPR of Peru**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Wednesday, 25 January, 9:00 - 12:30*

*Mr. President,*

delegation of Poland wishes to thank Peru for presentation of its national report. We acknowledge activities undertaken by the government of Peru in order to implement recommendations accepted during the previous cycle of UPR.

In this respect, as per agreed practice, Poland would like to:

* recommend Peru to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
* recommend Peru to take further steps to ensure protection of human rights defenders, remove all undue restrictions on the ability of civil society organizations to receive international and domestic funding and implement measures and develop policies to prevent human rights violations, in particular in the context of ongoing protests;
* recommend Peru to strengthen the interinstitutional capacity of the Government, civil society, youth organizations and employers’ and workers’ organizations to prevent, report and punish acts of corruption.

Poland would like to use this opportunity and commends Peru on the adoption of the first National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (2021–2025), which aims to ensure the protection of, and respect for, human rights in business activities.

At the same time, we also note concerns made by the Committee against Torture about the large number of persons in pre-trial detention, sometimes for prolonged periods, and would like to encourage the government of Peru not to excessively prolong those detentions.

*Thank you.*