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Subject: EU electoral observation mission in Peru

To the European authorities:

From the EU-LAT Network, the Europe Peru Platform (PEP), as well as the Coordinadora de Entidades Extranjeras de la Cooperación Internacional (COEECI), we have been made aware of the possibility of sending an electoral observation mission or a mission of experts in light of the upcoming general elections in Peru in April.

As you may know, Peruvian democracy is going through a difficult time. In the midst of an unprecedented process in fighting corruption, during the last term of government (2016-2021) there was the resignation of the president, the constitutional closure of the congress, the elections for new parliamentarians, the improper removal of a president and the resignation of yet another president.

Given this context, we would like to express our appreciation for the EU's commitment to democratic succession in Peru and for its continuous monitoring of the current political crisis, which accounts for the weakness of democratic institutions in the country.

For this reason, knowing the complexity of an electoral observation mission in the midst of the current health emergency, we consider that the European Union must support the Peruvian people in their effort to ensure respect for the rule of law, holding elections with due transparency, as well as the adoption of the necessary security measures and sanitary protocols against COVID-19, in the coming election days.

We look forward to counting with your support in these key moments where Peru needs the maximum guarantees and support from international organizations such as the European Union.

Best regards,

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