

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

The Government of the Republic of Peru and the Government of the State of West Virginia (hereinafter "the Parties");

Reaffirming the excellent relations between their respective governments and being determined to strengthen those relations by developing a strategic framework of cooperation;

Recognizing the willingness of the governments of the Republic of Peru and the State of West Virginia to develop mutually beneficial programs in areas of common interest; and

Acknowledging the existence of opportunities to develop bilateral cooperation to improve education, health and safety, mining safety, adventure tourism, natural disasters management, technology, economic development, trade and commerce, and to strengthen public and private institutions that contribute to the success of all sectors of society, particularly the most vulnerable groups, with an inclusionary approach;

Enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as follows:

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE**

This MOU is based on the following common goals of the Parties:

- a) To engage in mutually beneficial economic, commercial, technological, cultural, and educational activities;
- b) To foster academic partnerships among educational institutions and business partnerships between private entities, and
- c) To encourage cooperation between their institutions, universities, research centers, companies and citizens to strengthen further the bonds of friendship between the Republic of Peru and the State of West Virginia.

**ARTICLE II
COOPERATION**

The Government of the Republic of Peru and the Government of the State of West Virginia agree to advance cooperation through initiatives focused particularly, but not exclusively, on the following areas:

- a) Agriculture, aquaculture, and food safety.
Among other activities in these fields, the Parties agree:
 - To engage in dialogue on academic cooperation regarding agriculture, livestock, poultry, aquaculture, beekeeping, and food safety, among others;

- To explore the development of training and academic exchange programs and studies on subjects associated with agriculture, aquaculture, food safety, poultry and other animal health, pest control, entomology, and new agricultural technologies, among others;
- To exchange expertise in environmental impact assessment processes for mining and gas projects, particularly on agriculture and water resources; and
- To foster best practices related to landscaping.

b) Education.

Among other activities in this field, the Parties agree:

- To consider opportunities for cooperation at the K-12 level to promote culture and language exchange through online school partnerships; and
- To promote collaboration between institutions of higher education to develop cooperative programs for undergraduate, masters, professional, and doctoral studies.

c) Science and technology.

Among other activities in this field, the Parties agree:

- To foster collaboration between their institutions, organizations, universities, research centers, companies and citizens to develop science and technology cooperative programs in areas of mutual interest; and
- To assist with coordination of technical visits by experts and consider opportunities for joint conferences, internships, and training in areas such as mining safety, biotechnology, health sciences, informational technology, clean energy technology, engineering, and others.

d) Culture.

Among other activities in this field, the Parties agree:

- To consider opportunities for the organization of joint cultural activities;
- To foster cooperation and training between their cultural institutions in the field of restoration of cultural artifacts, museology, archeology, performance arts, and other areas of mutual interest;
- To engage in dialogue regarding tangible cultural heritage, including best practices for conservation and preventive care, as well as preservation technology, academic cooperation, and scientific research;
- To promote and undertake training and academic exchange programs in the conservation of tangible cultural heritage, including the preservation of ethnographic and archeological materials, historic interiors, photographs, music, recordings, and archives; and
- To provide opportunities for faculty, staff, or students to grow and learn through contact with international colleagues and to advance new preservation initiatives and exchanges of knowledge.

e) Trade and business

Among other activities in this field, the Parties agree:

- To provide information and advice to companies, including small and medium-sized enterprises, from each of their respective markets as they seek to invest in or export to the other markets, and to facilitate relevant connections whenever possible;
- To encourage the organization of joint trade-promotion activities and business missions to both destinations, and engage in dialogue regarding export, import and investment matters;
- To welcome trade and tourism promotion officials and delegations, and make appropriate introductions;
- To foster joint activities and expertise related to the development of adventure tourism; and
- To promote bilateral exchanges in mine safety and gas extraction safety.

f) Natural disasters and humanitarian assistance

Among other activities in this field, the Parties agree:

- To share experiences and best practices related to management of natural disasters including developing basic disaster preparedness steps; and
- To promote exchange of experts and information in areas such as improving the operational effectiveness of humanitarian responses and civil-military relations in disaster responses, building a public and private-sector support for disaster responses, and strengthening resilience,

g) Other areas and activities mutually agreed by the Parties including the longstanding State Partnership Program between the Republic of Peru and the State of West Virginia.

ARTICLE III IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties will encourage their corresponding agencies, universities, enterprises, and private institutions that might contribute to the successful implementation of this MOU, to participate actively in the above-mentioned areas.

In order to facilitate the implementation of this MOU, the Parties will set up a joint committee which will convene periodically to address specific cooperation action plans.

ARTICLE IV ENTRY INTO FORCE

This MOU is effective on the date it is signed, is not legally binding on the Parties and is not enforceable by law.

ARTICLE V MODIFICATIONS

This MOU may be modified, in writing, at any time by mutual consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE VI
DURATION

This MOU is indefinite but is to cease when one of the Parties provides the other with notification of its intent to discontinue participation. Such notification is to have no effect on activities in progress unless the Parties mutually decide otherwise.

SIGNED this fifteenth day of May, 2014 at Charleston, West Virginia, in duplicate in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally valid.

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