

# *Embassy of Peru*

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Mr. Graham Minter  
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Dear Mr. Minter,

I am writing to thank you for your interest in the current political and social situation in Peru. I would also like to send to you -and through you to your network- updated information about the crisis the country is facing.

- The protests that began after the attempted coup by former President Pedro Castillo on 7 December continue in several regions of the country. The Government of Peru respects the right to free protest and makes a clear distinction between protests related to just demands of historically marginalised sectors, and violent actions caused by people whose intention is to subvert the democratic order and achieve political objectives that they are not able to achieve through constitutional means.
- These violent actions have caused clashes causing the deaths of more than 50 people and injuring hundreds of civilians and police. The Government of Peru deeply regrets the loss of human lives and is carrying out a criminal investigation on a case-by-case basis in order to establish the corresponding criminal responsibility.
- The attacks perpetrated on strategic institutions such as airports, public prosecutors' offices, offices of the judiciary, road blockades, burning of houses and vehicles, among others, are also being investigated. Furthermore, the Public Prosecutor's Office is also supporting the National Police in its efforts to control the violence and to protect the 33 million Peruvians who have been affected by this crisis, which has also cost hundreds of millions in economic losses, damage to the country's infrastructure and has endangered the continuity of thousands of jobs.
- It is reiterated that at all times the Government has called for dialogue and has taken a series of measures to restore order, seeking a political consensus that will allow a peaceful solution to this serious crisis. Likewise, the Government has asked Congress to approve an early general election as a viable solution and to allow the people, in a sovereign manner, to decide their future in peace and freedom.

It would be greatly appreciated if the information provided could be shared with the members of your organisation interested in Peru and its current situation.

  
Juan Carlos Gamarra  
Ambassador