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Dear Madam President Dina Boluarte,

I am writing to you from England. I was horrified to hear about the **deaths of 18 people, during protests, in the city of Juliaca** on 9 January 2023. Dozens of people were also injured that day.

There has been an alarming **death toll of at least 40 individuals** since the start of the political crisis in Peru last December – all during the repression of protests. The government has targeted those who have expressed discontent with the crisis. Deploying the National Police and the Armed Forces during protests has led to excessive force being used against protesters.

International human rights standards on the use of force mandate that it should only be used against protesters when strictly necessary. And then in a proportional manner and for a legitimate purpose and should then be subject to a process of accountability.

**Please put an end to any excessive use of force against demonstrators**. Use all available resources to safeguard the life and integrity of all injured persons. Also provide the necessary support to the families of the deceased. And please collaborate with the authorities investigating all allegations of human rights violations in the context of the current crisis promptly, thoroughly, independently, and impartially.

Yours sincerely