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Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda

Request for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 141st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union submitted by the delegation of Peru

On 14 October 2019, the Secretary General received a letter from the delegation of Peru, submitting a request and accompanying documents for the inclusion in the agenda of the 141st Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

"<u>Urgent call for the restoration of representative democratic order</u> and for respect for democratic principles in Peru".

Delegates to the 141st Assembly will find attached the text of the draft resolution (<u>Annex</u>) in support of this request

The 141st Assembly will be required to take a decision on the request of the delegation of Peru on <u>Monday, 14 October 2019</u>.

Under the terms of Assembly Rule 11.1, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request. The IPU Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.

Furthermore, Assembly Rule 11.2 stipulates that:

- (a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. Such a request must receive a <u>two-thirds</u> majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.
- (b) The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted.
- (c) The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject.
- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly.

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URGENT CALL FOR THE RESTORATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRATIC ORDER AND FOR RESPECT FOR DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN PERU

Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of PERU

The 141st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

(1) *Deeply concerned* by the situation of democracy in Peru following the measure to dissolve Congress, which affects the normal functioning of the democratic system as well as representation and governance oversight functions,

(2) *Recognizing* that democracy is a universally recognized ideal and a value that upholds the existence and functioning of the international order, as a means intended to protect and guarantee the validity of human rights,

(3) Recalling the decision to support the strengthening of democracy around the world as a mechanism to empower society and guarantee political participation in democratic processes through its institutions and representatives, as the United Nations General Assembly reaffirmed that "democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives",

(4) *Referring* to the commitments undertaken by the IPU to promote democratic governance, institutions and values, and to work for peace, democracy, human rights, and parliamentary cooperation and action, particularly Strategic Objective 1 on building strong, democratic parliaments, Strategic Objective 3 on protecting and promoting human rights, and Strategic Objective 4 on contributing to peace-building, conflict prevention and security,

- 1. *Calls on* parliamentarians to urge their governments to support the process of restoring democratic order and finding a peaceful solution to the current controversy in Peru, in line with the values of the United Nations;
- 2. *Calls on* the United Nations and the international community to cooperate with the Government of Peru to restore the representative democratic order as soon as possible and with the lowest possible cost to society;
- 3. *Urges* all the parties and institutions involved in solving or resolving the current problems to work with zeal and to align their participation with the principles that underpin representative democracy worldwide;
- 4. *Calls on* the parliamentarians of the IPU to work with great dedication for democracy and human rights through political dialogue, cooperation and parliamentary action.