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European Commission and Peru wish to emphasise the positive progress in their bilateral relations, as shown by their solid political ties, the implementation of the 2007-2013 programme of cooperation with Peru and of earlier programmes, and by their determination to speedily conclude a trade agreement to the mutual benefit of the signatories.

Frameworks for relations between the European Commission and Peru include the Framework Cooperation Agreement between the Andean Community and the European Community, signed in 1993 and in force since 1998, and the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Andean Community of 2003, which the signatories are confident will enter into force as soon as possible.

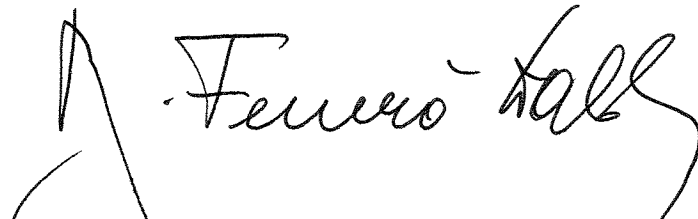
With a view to strengthening and stimulating their relations, the European Commission and Peru have decided:

1. to establish a bilateral consultation mechanism to promote cooperation on, and a common understanding of, all issues on the Peru - European Community agenda, and any other issues of mutual interest without prejudice to mechanisms of consultation that might exist or that might be established in the future in areas such as trade or others. The mechanism may, when the Parties so wish, provide for joint follow-up to agreements, programmes and commitments decided on in course of bilateral relations.
2. to hold an annual meeting of the bilateral consultation mechanism at senior officials level. Representatives of sectors and services concerned by the agenda may also take part. It may also meet whenever the signatories deem appropriate to discuss a specific or urgent matter. Meetings will alternate between Lima and Brussels or any other place decided on by the signatories. The date and agenda will be agreed in advance through diplomatic channels.


Signed in Brussels, on 29 October 2009 in four copies, two in Spanish and two in English.

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