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Statements by the Spokesperson

Peru: Statement by the Spokesperson following the parliamentary elections

On 26 January, Peruvian citizens cast their vote to elect the 130 members of the Congress of the Republic. These were the first early parliamentary elections in the country’s history. The elections were organised after dissolution of the Congress, in the context of heated institutional debates, including on anti-corruption reform. The organisation of these elections demonstrated Peru’s commitment to resolve its institutional and political challenges through democratic means.

In line with the EU’s long-standing commitment to supporting credible, transparent and inclusive elections in Peru, an EU Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) was deployed from 30 December 2019 to follow the electoral process.

Today, the EU EOM released its preliminary statement. According to the mission, despite a very tight calendar, elections were well-organised and transparent, although excessively rigorous requirements for registration led to a high number of disqualified candidates. The EU EOM will stay in the country until the end of the electoral process and will issue a final report that will include recommendations to continue to improve the electoral framework in line with the commitments made by Peru.

The European Union trusts that the Executive and the new Congress will now collaborate successfully to implement the political and judicial reforms expected by the Peruvian people.

The EU and Peru share a commitment to democracy and human rights. The EU remains committed to supporting Peru’s democratic and institutional consolidation through cooperation, political dialogue and strengthened bilateral relations.

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