



**SOS CHILDREN'S
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Consideration of the UPR report of Peru

Mr. President,

Thank you for giving us the floor.

Save the Children and SOS Children's Villages International, on behalf of the Peruvian Group of NGOs for Children's Rights- UPR 2012¹, welcomes the report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodical Report of Peru, and in particular its recommendations concerning children's rights.

We welcome the Government's efforts to protect children's rights and accept UPR recommendations concerning protection, education, health, inclusion and identity. Implementing these recommendations, including through allocation of sufficient resources, will have a significant impact on the lives of children in Peru.

However, the Group of NGOs would like to highlight the following fundamental issues:

1. We welcome the acceptance of recommendation 116.13. to "Complete the review of the Children and Adolescents Code, and develop the law prohibiting corporal punishment and humiliating treatment towards boys, girls and adolescents" (Government of Republic of Moldova)

However, we are concerned that the review of the Code does not include the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), nor does it take into account the General Comments of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

We therefore call the Government to adopt the following measures:

NGO Working Group on Child Rights for the UPR – 2012 signatories include: Asociación Nacional de Centros – ANC, Centro de Estudios de Problemas Económicos y Sociales de la Juventud – CEPESJU, Fondazione Terre des hommes Italia / Perú, Fundación Terre des Hommes Holanda, Fundación Terre des hommes-Lausanne (Tdh-L), GIN- Grupo de Iniciativa Nacional por los Derechos del Niño, MANTHOC - movimiento de adolescentes y niños trabajadores hijos de obreros cristianos, Movimiento de MANTHOC, Plan, Progetto Mondo Mlal, Red Sida Peru, la REDNNA - Red Nacional de Niños, Niñas y Adolescentes del Peru, Save the Children, Terre des hommes Alemania, Terre des hommes schweiz, Terre des Hommes Suisse – Perú.

- a) Immediate approval of a new Code that follows the principles enshrined in the UNCRC, prohibits corporal and humiliating punishment and sexual abuse, recognizes boys' and girls' rights to participation, opinion and organization, guarantees access of male and female adolescents to sexual and reproductive health services, adopts an inclusive language and includes proposals made by civil society;
 - b) Modification of the regulations that prevent adolescents from having access to free sexual and reproductive health services and review of the laws on sexual crimes against boys, girls and adolescents;
2. We welcome the government's adoption of recommendation 116.24 to "Continue to work in the area of defense and protection of boys and girls" (Plurinational State of Bolivia).

To implement this recommendation, the Government should prioritize the protection of the most vulnerable boys and girls, include UPR follow-up in the National Human Rights Plan, implement the National Plan of Action for Children 2012-21 and comply with submitting its report to the Committee on the Rights of Child, allocate increased resources to local and regional governments through a result-driven budget cycle, incentives programs and a supplementary budget allocation in 2013 and in 2014.

3. We welcome the Government's acceptance of recommendation 118.1 made by Hungary on the protection, rescue, demobilization and social integration of children held by terrorist groups and to punish undue recruitment. However, we are concerned by the lack of a comprehensive program provided with funding to meet the goals of prevention, rescue, recovery, reintegration and protection.

We call on the Government of Peru to ensure the immediate recovery of boys, girls, adolescents held by terrorists groups in compliance with the Optional Protocol to the UNCRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict UNCRC and for the preservation of family unity.

The Group of NGOs commends the Government's acceptance of these recommendations and encourages further cooperation with civil society and children's organizations in follow-up and the preparation of a mid-term UPR report.

Thank you.