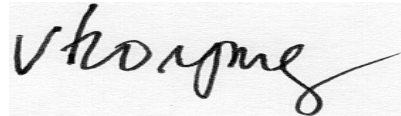


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**Appeal to the Government of Peru by the Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)**

The Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues expresses her shock and deep distress at reports received of atrocities committed starting 5 June against indigenous peoples in the Amazon region, resulting in the loss of lives, disappearances and grave injuries. The Chair sends her deepest condolences to the families of the victims. The Chair calls upon the Peruvian Government to:

- Immediately cease all violence against indigenous communities and organizations,
- Ensure immediate and urgent medical attention to the wounded and assist the families of the victims,
- Abide by its national and international obligations regarding the protection of all human rights, including the rights of indigenous peoples and human rights defenders, especially their right to life and security.



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Permanent Forum on Indigenous  
Issues