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Thank you, Mister President.

IIMA on behalf of this NGO coalition welcomes the participation of Peru in its latest Universal Periodic Review and its continued efforts to improve the protection of children's rights.

We commend Peru for increasing the budget for education by more than 50 percent, decreasing the rural education gap and establishing more medical care programmes. We note, however, that indigenous children still suffer from funding distribution disparity and discrimination in the exercise of their rights, especially their right to education and health. Many indigenous children who migrate to the city in search of quality education are often isolated and bullied. Moreover, we note that girls are particularly exposed to violence and abuse with limited protection and support.

Therefore, as evidenced by the recommendations accepted by Peru on the subject¹, we call on Peru to:

- Allocate more funding for education of indigenous children and develop an inclusive-intercultural curriculum, preventing discrimination against indigenous children.
- Continue its efforts to identify, in consultation with indigenous communities, special measures to ensure their rights to education and healthcare.
- Provide preventive programmes to address violence against indigenous women, especially girls, and increase support services for survivors.

Thank you, Mister President.

¹ Recommendations No. 111.60, 111.106-109, 111.122-135, 111.143, 111.147, 111.156, 111.160, 111.174