

UNICEF statement
Adoption of UPR outcome for Peru
15 March 2018

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

Mr. President,

UNICEF welcomes recent progress towards the realization of child rights in Peru including the adoption of the Decree of Law 1297 regarding the protection of children without parental care, the Decree of Law 1348 pertaining to Adolescent Criminal Justice Code and the Law 30403 that prohibits corporal and humiliating punishment against children. All these achievements are to be commended and are conducive to a legal framework in line with international standards.

However, concerns remain that child victims of violence, exploitation and family abandonment in Peru are not yet receiving full and adequate protection. In this regard:

- Comprehensive, specialized protection services for children and adolescents victims of crimes are to be strengthened and made available in all parts of the country;
- Child victims need to have full access to specialized justice;
- Alternative family-based care should be further developed to reduce the number of children in institutions, and support to families at risk should be enhanced.

Further, we are particularly worried that the budget allocated to the protection of children does not amount to more than 1% of Peru's total public spending on children.

Mr. President,

UNICEF remains fully committed to support the Government in addressing these challenges.

Thank you.