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U.S. – Peru Trade Promotion Agreement: Benefiting the Environment through Improved Forest Sector Governance

The Environment Chapter of the U.S. – Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (PTPA) will benefit both countries by focusing attention on how to best ensure that increased trade and environmental protections are mutually supportive. The Agreement commits each country to effectively enforce its own domestic environmental laws and adopt, maintain and implement laws, regulations and all other measures to fulfill obligations under covered multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).

Annex on Forest Sector Governance

The PTPA includes a groundbreaking Annex on Forest Sector Governance. Recognizing the environmental and economic consequences of trade associated with illegal logging, and illegal trade in wildlife, this Annex provides for concrete steps that the Parties will take to enhance forest sector governance and promote legal trade in timber products.

Peru has committed to increase the number and effectiveness of personnel devoted to enforcing laws, regulations, and other measures related to the harvest of, and trade in, timber products, and specifically the number of enforcement personnel in national parks and concessions, as well as in indigenous protected areas.

Peru has committed also to impose criminal and civil penalties at levels sufficient to deter actions that impede sustainable management of forest resources. This includes substantially increasing criminal penalties and suspending the right to export products as to which a violation of the law, regulation or other measure has been established.

Peru will also improve the administration and management of forest concessions by reviewing annual operating plans, increasing transparency associated with such plans, and conducting site verifications prior to issuing plans. The Parties shall cooperate on enforcement matters, including in respect of audits and site-verifications in Peru related to production and export of timber products that are shipped to the United States.

The United States will work with Peru to address capacity building needs through the Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA), which provides a framework for undertaking environmental capacity building in Peru. The Parties will work together to implement the provisions in the Annex through:

- Strengthening the capacity to develop, implement and enforce environmental and forest sector laws;
- Strengthening capacity to improve forest sector governance and combat illegal logging;
- Protection of wildlife and endangered species;
- Promoting incentives to encourage environmental protection;
- Promotion of clean production technologies; and,
- Building capacity to promote transparency and public participation in forest sector governance issues.