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SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN PERU

(Adopted by the Permanent Council at its special meeting, held on October 20, 2022)

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

CONSIDERING the request made by the President of the Republic of Peru to the Secretary General, on October 12, 2022, for the application of the Inter-American Democratic Charter as a means of preserving the democratic political institutional process and the legitimate exercise of power in Peru;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the communiqué issued on October 19, 2022, by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights;

CONSIDERING ALSO the presentation made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru to the Permanent Council reconfirming the consent of the Peruvian Government to this request;

REAFFIRMING the principles embodied in the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Inter American Democratic Charter aimed at promoting and consolidating democracy with full respect for the rule of law and constitutional order;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Article 4 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter mentions that the “constitutional subordination of all state institutions to the legally constituted civilian authority and respect for the rule of law on the part of all institutions and sectors of society are equally essential to democracy”; and

WELCOMING the willingness of the Government to establish a dialogue process with all political actors in an effort to preserve respect for the constitutional legal order,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its solidarity and support for the democratically elected Government of the Republic of Peru, as well as for preservation of the democratic political institutional process.

2. To call upon all actors to frame their actions with the respect for the rule of law, recognizing that Article 2 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter states that “the effective exercise of representative democracy is the basis for the rule of law and of the constitutional regimes of the member states of the Organization of American States”.

3. To express the willingness of the Organization of American States to give support and cooperation, at the request of the Government of Peru, furthering efforts aimed at promoting dialogue and strengthening its democratic system of government.

4. To appoint a High-level Group, consisting of representatives of member states, and consistent with the Inter-American Democratic Charter, to visit Peru in order to analyze the situation and report to this Council.

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