<u>Peru, at UN, calls for more inclusive</u> <u>globalization based on multilateralism</u> <u>and dialogue</u>

25 September 2017 — Underscoring Peru's endurance in its combat against terrorism, corruption, as well as its vulnerability to the effects of climate change, the country's Permanent Representative to the united Nations, Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, said today that the Organization is fundamental for a "peaceful and sustainable" future in Peru, the region and beyond.

Enduring such challenges, he said in his address to the General Assembly's annual debate, therefore means Peru welcomed special attention given to sustainable peace, and prevention of humanitarian crises, adding that access to weapons of mass destruction by terrorist groups "is a real threat."

In addressing issues of climate change, he reaffirmed the nation's commitment to the <u>Paris Agreement</u>, and the progress it could mean for a coastal country inundated by torrential rains wrought by El Nino, and the losses of biodiversity and ecosystems to extreme weather phenomena.

Turning to the <u>2030 Agenda</u> and its Sustainable Development Goals (<u>SDGs</u>), Ambassador Cuadra expressed concern about the threat of corruption at the global level, calling it an attack that "erodes democratic governance and legal stability of our countries." He said corruption "triggers disenchantment and distrust in institutions, and bolsters inequality."

Expressing concern for neighboring Venezuela during this heightened time of social instability, he said that while the answer to resolving the country's crisis lies with Venezuelans themselves, the issue nevertheless requires international solidarity and support.

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