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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the electoral process in Peru**

The European Union is closely monitoring the electoral process in Peru and urges national authorities to adopt all required measures to assure that the Peruvian people can express their will in freedom and democracy, without any kind of pressure.

Despite the fact that the European Union remains deeply concerned over certain aspects of the conduct of the election, it hopes that procedures followed on polling day on 9 April will be free and fair and conform to international standards.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.

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