

**Address by the Ambassador of Peru, Mr Javier Raúl Martín Yépez Verdequer,
presenting his credentials to the PoR of the Republic of Cyprus, on June 9, 2023**

Your excellency, Mr President,

I have the honour to present to you the Letter that accredits me as extraordinary and plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Peru to the Republic of Cyprus, as well as the letter of recall of my predecessor.

Mr President, I bring greetings from the Government and the people of Peru, especially, the great satisfaction for the traditional ties of friendship, fraternity and cooperation that have characterized the relations between our countries and the sincere wishes of success in your mandate that initiates.

Our shared values and principles for the promotion and protection of democracy, human rights, rule of law and, in particular, international law, have been reflected in the very fluid and positive coordinations and shared stances in multilateral fora, in particular in the case of those referring to essential international law principals, such as sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all states, values you have embodied and excelled during your meaningful career as diplomat, politician and head of the chipriot diplomacy, as we can all testify.

In that sense, Mr President, regarding the Cyprus issue, I would like to stress Peru's unequivocal respect for the commitments enshrined in the United Nations Charter, as has been expressed in our permanent support for the secretary general's efforts to facilitate a return to formal negotiations, in order to achieve an enduring, comprehensive and fair solution, based on a bicomunal and bizonal federation, according to the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

In the same line, Peru firmly condemns the russian invasion to Ukraine, and urgently demands positive outcomes by peaceful means provided for in international law.

Mr President, our countries share a great cultural heritage, which allow us to cooperate in the programming of joint works for the promotion of our ancestry and traditions, through the

establishment of coordination channels between our authorities in charge of the protection and preservation of our historical, archeological and cultural legacy.

We are convinced of the need to promote and improve our bilateral trade with a win-win approach. We will facilitate the contact and organize video-conferences between our business associations, so that they can directly identify trade and investment business opportunities.

This, also, includes the great possibilities of promoting bilateral tourism, an area in which we will deploy enhanced efforts, not only for the importance it has for the economy of our countries, but also because of the benefits in mutual knowledge of our rich cultures amongst our people.

Mr President, let me finally stress that it will be an honor for me to work closely with your Government in order to foster the relations between Peru and this marvellous country. You can be sure that we will perform our best to build the best cooperation ties among our nations and societies.