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Oral Statement

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Mr. President,

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute welcomes the decision of Peru to accept recommendations regarding, inter alia, the use of force, investigation of complaints in contexts of social protests, persons deprived of liberty, and the independence and autonomy of State entities.

In particular, we highlight the supported recommendation to “respect the autonomy and independence of the institutions, as well as the prevalence of their areas of competence, to guarantee the full observance of the rule of law”.¹

This is critical not only in relation to the judiciary and the Public Prosecution Service, but also for Peru's National Preventive Mechanism against Torture (*Mecanismo Nacional de Prevención de la Tortura*), established under the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The NPM, which is institutionally situated within the Ombudsperson's Office (*Defensoría del Pueblo*), plays a crucial role to prevent torture and ill-treatment in Peru.

In line with Peru's obligations under Article 18 of the OPCAT, we call on the Government to:

1. Ensure the autonomy and functional independence of the Peruvian NPM.
2. Make available the necessary resources for the functioning of the NPM. This will enable the NPM to build a multidisciplinary team and conduct visits across the country.

We stand ready to collaborate with the Peruvian Government on these matters.

¹ UN Human Rights Council, Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: Peru (5 April 2023) UN Doc A/HRC/53/8, Recommendation 111.31 (Paraguay).

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