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Lima, Perú
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**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501**

Dear Mrs. Speaker:

I am proud to report to you that I have signed into law the Protocol of Amendment to the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (hereinafter "PTPA") that the bipartisan agreement of May 10 outlined in the terms that our governments negotiated. The Peruvian Congress acted with great expedience, proving yet again the importance my country places in this trade agreement and in our close relationship with the United States. Since this is an international treaty, changes in Peru's legislation and procedures regarding labor, the environment, and other matters will have to be done before the enforcement of the agreement. You must have full confidence that as a trustworthy partner and ally, we intend to enforce this commitment and enact whatever laws are necessary during the implementation process. It is our understanding that the next step to be taken is the ratification of the PTPA by the U.S. Congress

I highly appreciate the supportive statement made on June 29 by you, the Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Charles Rangel, and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Trade, Sander Levin. As you said, the Protocol of Amendment that the Congress of Peru ratified is an historical accomplishment in trade policy and in the bilateral relationship with a strong friend in a region vital to US economy, the fight against drug trafficking, and the security and health of our people. Our government has made significant efforts in order to address the requirements of the bipartisan agreement of May 10, which have been incorporated in the Protocol of Amendment that Peru has enacted as law. Any further delay in the PTPA approval works in favor of the detractors of the values commonly shared by Peru and the US.

It is now time for the United States Congress to act in the name of our countries friendship and common goals. The law I have just signed implies important, legally binding changes to the PTPA that was signed on April 2006. For the duly implementation of these changes, which enjoy a broad support in my country, your Congress needs to proceed with the approval of the PTPA. Beginning legislative action in your Congress, prior to the announced visit of a bipartisan delegation to my country, will send a strong signal to the people of Peru that the United States is committed to finalizing this trade agreement. I request your commitment, Mrs. Speaker, that you



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will initiate the formal PTPA approval process during July, including a hearing in the Ways & Means Committee.

I thank you for your leadership and your determined support of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, which will constitute a renewed affirmation of the friendship between our two countries.

Peru has done its share and it is now time for the US Congress to start acting for a prompt passage of the PTPA.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Alan García".

Alan García Perez
President of Peru