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The Association Points-Coeur, on behalf of the coalition of NGO co-signatories, welcomes the constructive participation of Peru in the Universal Periodic Review. We appreciate the acceptance by Peru of several recommendations, especially those concerning birth registration and the right to education. However, we wish to draw attention to a number of challenges that still persist.

Regarding Birth registration, we note that more than 1 million children still lack a birth certificate. Two major factors that contribute to this are firstly, the lack of awareness of parents about the importance of birth registration and secondly, the very complicated process to obtain a *Documento Nacional de Identidad* (DNI) when the birth certificate of the person concerned or of one of the parents contains an error.

With regards to the right to education, we note that rural areas are not equipped with educational establishments in sufficient numbers; that the cost of school supplies is a discriminating factor for the poorest families; that there is a high dropout rate because of the need for children to work to support their families; and that there is still progress to be made on the quality of school programs and the training of teachers.

Therefore, our coalition of NGOs strongly encourages Peru to take all necessary measures to:

- **Ensure rapid and effective implementation of relevant recommendations¹ to ensure birth registration for all children, especially through conducting census campaigns in remote areas and poor neighborhoods on the outskirts of cities (in order to sensitize parents in this regard);**
- **Ensure rapid and effective implementation of relevant recommendations² to guarantee full access to education for all children, especially those living in remote areas and children with disabilities;**
- **Promote sensitization campaigns so parents understand the importance of education for their children;**
- **Improve the academic and professional training of teachers and establish a system to monitor and encourage improved teachers' performance.**

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¹ Accepted recommendations N° 116.68, 116.69, 116.70 and 116.71.

² Accepted recommendations N° 116.100, 116.102 and 116.103.