MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Government of the Republic of Peru and the State of California, hereinafter "the Parties";

Reaffirming the excellent relations between the Republic of Peru and the State of California and being determined to strengthen those relations by developing a framework of cooperation through this Memorandum of Understanding;

Recognizing that the willingness of the Republic of Peru and the State of California will contribute to develop mutually beneficial programs in areas of common interest;

Acknowledging the existence of opportunities to develop bilateral cooperation to improve commerce, capacity building, education and research to benefit all sectors of society;

Have reached the following understandings:

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is based on the following common objectives of the Parties:

a) To engage in mutually beneficial economic, commercial, scientific, technological, cultural, environmental and educational activities;
b) To promote the organization of trade and investment missions; facilitating the identification of economic opportunities;

c) To recognize in the spirit of the U.S.-Peru FTA the importance of strengthening the Parties' capacity to protect the environment and of promoting sustainable development in concert with strengthening their trade and investment relations.
d) To foster cooperation on climate change mitigation and adaptation, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including the agricultural and forestry sectors;
e) To foster academic-to-academic partnerships among educational institutions and business-to-business activities between private entities, and
f) To encourage cooperation through dialogue, between their institutions, universities, research centers, companies and citizens to strengthen further the bonds of friendship between the Republic of Peru and the State of California.

ARTICLE II

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Government of the Republic of Peru and the State of California agree to advance cooperation through initiatives focused particularly, but not exclusively, on the following areas:

a) AGRICULTURE, POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK:

Among other activities in this field the Parties agree:

- To encourage training opportunities on plant and animal production technology, integrated pest management, plant and animal physiology, dairy and egg production, among others.
- To encourage technical cooperation on post-harvest management for plant (fruits and vegetables) and animal (livestock, poultry) products and by-products, post-harvest physiology of fruits and vegetables as well as controlled atmosphere technology for both animal and plant products, among others.
- To encourage expansion of sustainable agricultural practices, including those that reduce fertilizer and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

b) FOOD SAFETY:

Among other activities in this field the Parties agree:

- To encourage training opportunities on food safety technology, laboratory analysis on contaminants (bacteria, fungi, pesticides, etc.), food safety on the packinghouse, among others.
- To encourage technical cooperation on food safety for plant (fruits and vegetables), animal (livestock, poultry), and fish products, either fresh or processed.

c) AQUACULTURE:

Among other activities in this field the Parties agree:

- To encourage training opportunities on fishery production and technology in aquaculture environments, as well as for fish disease control strategies.
- To encourage technical cooperation on post-harvest management for fish and fish products.
- To encourage expansion of sustainable aquaculture practices.

d) ENVIROMENTAL MATTERS:

Among other activities in this field the Parties agree:

- To promote the dialogue, exchange of experts and joint projects in climate change mitigation and adaptation policies, air quality, forest management, water quality and water management.
- To promote public and private participation for the improvement of knowledge and use of clean technologies.

e) EDUCATION

Among other activities in this field the Parties agree:

- To consider opportunities for cooperation at the K-12 level to promote culture and language exchanges through online school partnerships;
- To promote collaboration between institutions of higher education to develop undergraduate, master and doctoral studies cooperation programs, especially in science-related areas.

f) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Among other activities in this field the Parties agree:

- To foster collaboration between their institutions, organizations, universities, research centers, companies and citizens to develop science and technology cooperation programs and projects on areas of mutual interest;
- To promote visits and the exchange of experts and consider opportunities for joint conferences, internships, and training in areas such as climate change: mitigation and adaptation policies, health sciences, IT, alternative sources of energy, engineering, and others.

g) TRADE AND BUSINESS

Among other activities in this field the Parties agree:

- To provide information and advice to companies, including small and medium-sized enterprises, from each of their respective markets as they seek to invest in or export to the other market, and to facilitate relevant connections to the extent it is reasonably possible to do so;
- Encourage the organization of joint trade-promotion activities and business missions to both destinations, and engage in dialogue regarding trade and investment matters;
- To welcome trade and tourism promotion officials and delegations, and make appropriate introductions.

h) CULTURE

Among other activities in this field the Parties agree:

- To consider opportunities for the organization of joint cultural activities;
- To engage in dialogue regarding tangible cultural heritage, including best practices for conservation and preventive care, as well as history of technology, academic cooperation, and scientific research;

ARTICLE III

IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties will encourage their corresponding agencies, enterprises and educational institutions that might contribute to the successful implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, to participate actively in the above-mentioned areas.

In order to facilitate the implementation of this MOU, the Parties will set up a joint committee led by the Embassy of Peru in United States representing the Government of the Republic of Peru and a representative to be designated by the Government of the State of California, which will meet periodically to address specific cooperation action plans to achieve the objectives established in this Memorandum.

All activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the applicable laws of the Parties, as well as the availability of funds, personnel, and other resources of each Party.

ARTICLE IV

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective on the date it is signed and does not create any legally binding rights or obligations for either Party.

ARTICLE V

MODIFICATIONS

This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified at any time by mutual consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE VI

DURATION

This Memorandum of Understanding is indefinite, but either party may withdraw from the Memorandum of Understanding [30] days after written notice to the other Party. Such notification is to have no effect on activities in progress unless the Parties mutually decide otherwise.

SIGNED this twenty-sixth day of February 2014 at San Francisco, California, in duplicate in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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