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Your Excellency
Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
U.S.A.



Dear Ms. Rodham Clinton :

Today I wish to share with you the expectation, hope and responsibility that I proudly embraced when I assumed the commitment to have Peru as the venue for the Tenth Conference of Spouses of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. This forum was privileged to share experiences, express realities and especially find common solutions to social problems that hamper our societies and that urge us to not be indifferent.

The Adolescents of the Americas were our common objective as well as the understanding that they are called upon to forge the future of the new millennium, an encouraging conviction. The work carried out with the Offices of the First Ladies, that pooled their efforts for this major project, has been an enriching experience that has made me feel proud.

Unfortunately, in view of the current political circumstances, against my own deep will, it forces me to cancel this conference since these events may interfere with the noble goals that it pursues.

I sincerely hope that the work that has been carried out with so much effort and dedication throughout these months will be carried forward through the projects that have been presented by the International Agencies as specified in the Plan of Action and the commitments to be adopted through the Declaration of Lima. I sincerely hope that this material will be used as a responsible contribution made by Peru for a future conference.

For that reason, I rest assured of your understanding in view of this difficult situation and hope that you will excuse any inconvenience caused by the canceling of this event.

Finally, I feel very fortunate for having had this opportunity to offer to the Americas as a meeting ground for our mission. In the expectation that Peru, in a near future, will be able to assume this unforgettable responsibility that joins all the Americas in a special manner, I wish to reiterate my sincere respects and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Keiko Sofia Fujimori Higuchi
First Lady of Peru