



18 January 2021

**To: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva
Permanent Observers of the Organization of American States, Washington, DC
Interested international and non-governmental organisations**

Your Excellencies, dear Colleagues,

The Organization of the American States (OAS), together with the Governments of Ecuador and Peru, and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, have the honour of inviting you to participate in a virtual Regional Stakeholder Dialogue on Humanitarian Demining entitled:

***The Americas as an Antipersonnel-Land-Mine-Free Zone
Support for Mine Action in Peru and Ecuador***

**on 10-11 February 2021 from 15:00 to 18:00 (GMT+1, Switzerland)
09:00 to 12:00 (GMT-5, Ecuador, Peru and United States).**

Thanks to financial support provided by the European Union, the Regional Dialogue will seek to support the OAS' General Assembly Resolution, "*The Americas as an Antipersonnel-Land-Mine-Free-Zone*", examine the status of the implementation of the Convention in the Americas, and discuss best ways to support Ecuador and Peru in meeting their respective mine clearance deadlines.

This will be an opportunity for OAS' partners and donors from around the world to enhance cooperation and assistance towards the Americas becoming the first mine-free continent. Representatives of States and relevant organisations are invited to participate during the two sessions.

Kindly find enclosed to this invitation a provisional programme in English and Spanish. To register and for updated information please visit, <https://bit.ly/MineFreeAmericas>. We look forward to you joining us!

Sincerely,

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Secretary General
Organization of American States

H.E. Ambassador Arturo Cabrera Hidalgo
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

H.E. Ambassador Francisco Tenya Hasegawa
Acting Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru