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## U.S. Equipment Donation Will Support Peru Counter Narco-Terrorism and Drug Trafficking Efforts in VRAE

**LIMA, 12 JANUARY 2012** – U.S. Ambassador to Peru Rose M. Likins today delivered to Peru Minister of Defense Luis Alberto Otárola Peñarada more than \$2 million worth of equipment that will support Peruvian security forces' counter narco-terrorism and illicit drug trafficking efforts principally in the VRAE. The bequest took place at a ceremony at the Minister of Defense Headquarters in the presence of representatives from the Peruvian Armed Forces, the media and other invited guests. The donated items include varied equipment in such categories as medical kits, personal protective gear, engineering devices, navigation gear, communications equipment, and materials to support search and rescue. The bequest also includes the provision of appropriate training to the units that will operate some of the donated equipment.

“We are confident that this equipment that we transfer today to the Peruvian Armed Forces will contribute much to the daily efforts of the brave Peruvian service men and women who operate in the some of the most difficult geographic and climactic conditions,” said Ambassador Likins in her remarks.

The United States and Peru maintain a cooperative and productive military partnership based on shared goals, including promoting regional security, providing humanitarian assistance, and support for Peru's counter-narcotics efforts. U.S.-Peru military cooperation consists principally of education, training and exchanges for military personnel as well as undertaking joint training exercises, and the donation of needed equipment.

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