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U.S. Provides Additional \$60 Million of Assistance to Peru for Economic and Social Development Priorities

LIMA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 – The United States is providing an additional \$60 million through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to support Peru’s economic and social development priorities as outlined by President Ollanta Humala. At the Torre Tagle Palace today in Lima, Peru’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Rafael Roncagliolo and visiting USAID Deputy Administrator Ambassador Donald Steinberg signed an amendment to USAID’s existing five-year assistance package to Peru. The \$60 million amendment increases the five-year (2008-2012) USAID assistance package to Peru to a total of \$293 million. The new funding will be used to implement priority projects in the areas of health, education, alternative development, democracy and environmental protection.

The amendment for additional aid underscores the U.S. commitment to support the economic and social development of Peru. This commitment was manifest in the July 2011 meeting in Washington of President Obama and Secretary Clinton with then President-Elect Humala. Current USAID programs in Peru operate under a grant convention signed by both nations in 2008 that operates until 2012. Talks with the Government of Peru will start this year on a new five-year convention to direct USAID-Peru development programs to 2016. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of USAID and of development cooperation between USAID and Peru.

Ambassador Steinberg and Mark Feierstein, USAID Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, are on a two-day visit to Peru. In addition to signing the USAID assistance amendment, Ambassador Steinberg will meet in Lima with Peruvian government officials and civil society representatives to learn more about Peru’s development priorities and strategies. He will also review current USAID-supported programs. Assistant Administrator Feierstein will travel to Ucayali to observe alternative development projects.

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