



## Press Release

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## **U.S. Embassy Congratulates Government of Peru on Exceeding its 2012 Illegal Coca Eradication Goal**

LIMA, December 6, 2012 – The U.S. Embassy in Lima congratulates the Government of Peru on its December 5 announcement of having surpassed its goal of eradicating 14,000 hectares of illegal coca this year. This is a significant achievement as it is the largest amount of illegal coca eradicated in Peru in more than a decade and one of the largest results ever. This success stems from the Government of Peru's robust efforts to implement its five-year national counternarcotics strategy. The United States is proud to partner with Peru in these comprehensive integrated efforts which range from eradication and alternative development to interdiction and drug demand reduction. We look forward to continuing to work together with Peru to combat the negative impact on our societies caused by illegal drug production and narco-trafficking and to promote safe, healthy, and productive lives for all our citizens.

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