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Auckland, February 4th, 2016

The Honourable  
**Todd McClay**  
Trade Minister  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand  
Depositary of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

Dear Minister,

In connection with the signing on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (hereinafter referred to by its complete denomination or as TPP), on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Peru I hereby notify you in your capacity of Depositary of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, and to all the signatories of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, the following interpretative declaration:

“With respect to footnote 17 (Article 9.7.1.(a)) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Peru states that the term “public purpose” is referred to in its domestic legislation as “national security” or “public necessity”, in accordance with the Political Constitution of Peru.

The Government of the Republic of Peru emphasizes that this statement does not constitute a reservation, since it does not seek in any way to exclude or modify any provision of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement; instead it is simply an interpretative declaration whose exclusive purpose is to specify the terms that are included in the Political Constitution of Peru regarding the abovementioned provision of the TPP Agreement.”

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

**Magali Silva Velarde-Alvarez**  
Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism  
Republic of Peru