

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF THE
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE (NDI)/CARTER CENTER
ELECTION OBSERVER DELEGATION TO
PERU'S JUNE 3 PRESIDENTIAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

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This statement is offered by the joint National Democratic Institute (NDI)/Carter Center international election observer delegation to Peru's June 3, 2001, presidential runoff election. This was the ninth multinational NDI/Carter Center delegation to Peru since November 1999. The delegation, which visited Peru from May 30-June 5, included 35 members from 12 countries and was led by: Madeleine K. Albright, Chairman of NDI and former Secretary of State of the United States; Ramiro de Leon Carpio, former President of Guatemala and current Vice President of Guatemala's Legislative Assembly; Rodrigo Carazo

democratic transition. Our two institutions recognize that ultimately it will be the people of Peru who determine the outcome of the election and its meaning for the future of the country.

The delegation held intensive meetings in Lima with a wide range of Peruvian leaders, including: the President of the Republic Valentin Paniagua; President of the Council of Ministers and Foreign Minister Javier Perez de Cuellar; Minister of Women and Human Development Susana Villaran; all of the members of the *Jurado Nacional de Elecciones* (JNE, the National Election Tribunal); the head of the *Oficina Nacional de Procesos Electorales* (ONPE, the body responsible for electoral administration) Fernando Tuesta; both presidential candidates, Alejandro Toledo, candidate of *Peru Posible*, and Alan Garcia, candidate of *APRA*, and with their parties' General Secretaries; Lourdes Flores Nano and other political leaders; the *Defensoria del Pueblo* (Human Rights Ombudsman's Office); representatives of the news media and public opinion research organizations; civic, business and religious leaders, including leaders of *Transparencia*; the head of the OAS Election Observation Mission in Peru Eduardo Stein; the head of the European Union Election Observation Mission Eva Zetterberg; and other representatives of the international community.

The delegation cooperated closely with the election observation missions of the OAS and European Union, as well as with *Transparencia* and the *Defensoria del Pueblo*. The delegation participated in events organized by *Transparencia* and received invaluable assistance from it in Lima and in the localities where delegates deployed. Delegates divided into teams and were deployed around the country for meetings with governmental, electoral, political and civic leaders in their respective localities. On election day, the teams observed the voting, counting and tabulation processes in 11 of Peru's electoral districts. Delegates then reconvened in Lima to debrief and develop this statement. The delegation expresses its gratitude to all with whom it met and especially to the Peruvian election observers, electoral officials and voters for their warm welcome and cooperation.