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At the occasion of the 56th session of the Human Rights Council, we are pleased to invite you to the following side event:

The quest for accountability for the violations of freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in Peru: Challenges and perspectives

Organizers: Geneva Academy for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Centre Europe – Tiers monde (CETIM), Red Wiphalas – Suiza, Quinto Suyo Peru -Suiza

When? Monday, 1 July 2024, 9am (Lima time), 4 - 6pm (Geneva time)

Where? Conference room at the Geneva Academy for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Villa Moynier, Rue de Lausanne 120B, 1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland

How? Hybrid format, in presence and virtual participation. Link for registration: <https://bit.ly/4cfVLCu>

Languages: Spanish – English (interpretation will be provided)

In December 2022, following the ouster and imprisonment of former President Pedro Castillo, Peru has seen its historic social fractures resurface sharply in a widespread socio-political crisis, marked by bloody repression and widespread and systematic human rights violations. Several popular demonstrations against the newly appointed government have been carried out nationwide by various segments of Peruvian civil society, with broad participation of peasant and indigenous peoples. According to official data, at least 60 people have been killed and more than 1,000 injured, as a consequence of the repression by the police forces and the army against popular demonstrations.

Several international human rights mechanisms and bodies have already expressed their concerns and repudiation of the atrocities committed against civilians in Peru, such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and several UN Special Procedures, and in particular the former Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and association, Mr. Clement N. Voule, who conducted an official visit in the country in May 2023. Meanwhile, widespread violations, as well as judicial and political repression, continue to shape Peru's human rights situation. What is more, the victims of the repression are thus far unacceptably left without access to justice and remedy.

The 27th of June 2024, the newly appointed Special Rapporteur, Ms. Gina Romero, will present the report of the visit in Peru during her interactive dialogue at the Human Rights Council. It will be the occasion for civil society organizations, and in particular Peruvian organizations directly affected, to further engage with the Special Rapporteur and claim the cease of repressive actions, the respect of the right to life and physical integrity, the right to protest, the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and peaceful assembly of human rights defenders and of all demonstrators.

This side event will be the opportunity to tackle the current and main challenges ahead in the protection of the fundamental rights of the Peruvian people, and in particular the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, through a multisectorial and multidisciplinary panel that will enrich the discussion with concrete perspectives

PANEL

Moderation: Raffaele Morgantini, Representative of CETIM at the UN

Mr. Clément N. Voule, Former UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and association

Ms. Lourdes Huanca, Indigenous leader and President of the *Federación Nacional de Mujeres Campesinas, Artesanas, Indígenas, Nativas y Asalariadas del Perú*

Ms. Mar Perez, Lawyer at the *Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos*

Raúl Samillán, President of the *Asociación de Familiares de las víctimas*

Ms. Gina Romero, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and association