

Question for written answer E-001210/2025

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation

On 12 March 2025, the Congress of the Republic of Peru adopted amendments to the law regulating the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation, with a view to increasing transparency and accountability. However, these changes increase government control and impose excessive restrictions on civil society organisations working in key areas, such as the defence of human rights, social justice, sustainable development and the improvement of living conditions.

New measures include the requirement to obtain prior approval for international cooperation projects, a ban on legal advice and legal defence activities, and increased risks of censorship and arbitrary penalties that can stifle dissenting voices or even lead to the closure of certain institutions.

What does the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy intend to do to defend the rights and autonomy of non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations that work with international funds, among other things?

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