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PERU RANKED 65 OUT OF 113 COUNTRIES ON RULE OF LAW

Peru Rises Eight Positions in 2016 World Justice Project Rule of Law Index

WASHINGTON, DC (20 October 2016) – The World Justice Project (WJP) today released the *WJP Rule of Law Index*® 2016, the annual report measuring how the rule of law is experienced by the general public worldwide. According to the Index, Peru’s overall rule of law performance places it at 18 out of 30 countries in the Latin America & Caribbean region*, 22 out of 37 among upper-middle income countries, and 65 out of 113 countries and jurisdictions worldwide.

Peru’s rise from its previous position in the 2015 *WJP Rule of Law Index* was primarily driven by improved performance in the area of Fundamental Rights. Detailed information about the factors used in the *WJP Rule of Law Index* can be found at <http://worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index> (note that ranking changes were calculated by comparing countries against the original 2015 *WJP Rule of Law Index* country set, excluding the 11 new countries added to the Index this year).

The *WJP Rule of Law Index* is the world’s leading source for original data on the rule of law. The 2016 edition expands coverage to 113 countries and jurisdictions (from 102 in 2015), relying on more than 100,000 household and expert surveys to measure how the rule of law is experienced in practical, everyday situations by the general public worldwide. Performance is measured using 44 indicators across eight primary rule of law factors, each of which is scored and ranked globally and against regional and income peers: **Constraints on Government Powers, Absence of Corruption, Open Government, Fundamental Rights, Order and Security, Regulatory Enforcement, Civil Justice, and Criminal Justice.**

The top three overall performers in the *WJP Rule of Law Index 2016* were Denmark (1), Norway (2), and Finland (3); the bottom three were Afghanistan (111), Cambodia (112), and Venezuela (113). In the Latin America & Caribbean region, the top performer was Uruguay; the bottom performer was Venezuela.

The complete 2016 report—including online data visualizations and download options— is available on October 20 at: www.worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index

“Effective rule of law is the foundation for communities of peace, equity, and opportunity,” said William H. Neukom, WJP Founder and CEO. “No country has ever attained—let alone sustained—a perfect realization of the rule of law. The *WJP Rule of Law Index* is intended to be a first step in setting benchmarks, informing and guiding reforms, and deepening appreciation and understanding for the foundational importance of the rule of law.”

PERU RANKINGS

WJP Rule of Law Index 2016 performance (1 is best)

PERU OVERALL GLOBAL RANK: 65/113

PERU OVERALL REGIONAL RANK*: 18/30

FACTOR	REGIONAL RANK*	INCOME RANK**	GLOBAL RANK
Constraints on Government Powers	10/30	6/37	42/113
Absence of Corruption	24/30	33/37	91/113
Open Government	10/30	14/37	46/113
Fundamental Rights	13/30	10/37	44/113
Order and Security	17/30	25/37	84/113
Regulatory Enforcement	16/30	21/37	62/113
Civil Justice	24/30	35/37	90/113
Criminal Justice	19/30	28/37	90/113

*Countries measured in the Latin America & Caribbean region: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

**Upper-middle income countries: Albania, Argentina, Belarus, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Georgia, Grenada, Guyana, Iran, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Macedonia, FYR, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Romania, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Thailand, Turkey, Venezuela

ABOUT THE WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT:

The World Justice Project (WJP) is an independent, multidisciplinary organization working to advance the rule of law around the world. Effective rule of law reduces corruption, combats poverty and disease, and protects people from injustices large and small. It is the foundation for communities of peace, opportunity, and equity—underpinning development, accountable government, and respect for fundamental rights. Learn more at: www.worldjusticeproject.org

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