

The 31 National Accord's State Policies

DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW

1. Strengthening of the Democratic Regimen and Rule of Law

We commit to consolidate the democratic regime and the rule of law to ensure a political stability and cooperation climate, to promote democratic competition and guarantee free and transparent election, pluralism and alternation in power. We declare that representative democracy is the base for rule of law organization, which is strengthened and deepened with permanent, ethical and responsible citizen participation, within the framework of the Constitution.

With this objective, the State: (a) will defend the rule of the Constitution, ensuring the State operates as a unitary and decentralized constitutional State, under the principles of independence, pluralism, checks and balances and others making it up; (b) will guarantee respect for ideas, political organizations and other civil society organizations, and will supervise the defense of fundamental guarantees and liberties, taking into account that the human person and society are the supreme goal of the State; (c) will foster affirmation of a democratic culture to promote a citizenry aware of their rights and duties; and (d) will establish regulations to penalize those who violate or collaborates with the violation of the Constitution, fundamental rights and legality.

2. Democratization of political life and strengthening of the party system

We commit to promote citizen participation in public decision making, through constitutional participation mechanisms and civil society organizations, especially emphasizing the role of political parties.

With this objective, the State: (a) will promote regulations to guarantee full respect and effectiveness of political rights; (b) will ensure the effectiveness of the political party system through regulations that strengthen their internal democracy, financial transparency and dissemination of political programs and doctrines; (c) will guarantee the organization of free and transparent elections; (d) will maintain full citizen representation and respect for minorities in the instances constituted by popular vote; and (e) will favor citizen participation for public decision making through constitutional and legal mechanisms, political parties and other organizations representing society.

3. Affirmation of national identity

We commit to consolidate an integrated Peruvian nation, respectful of its values, its millenary heritage and its ethnic and cultural diversity, related to the world and projected to the future.

With this objective, the State: a) will promote protection and dissemination of the country's historical memory; b) will develop actions to promote solidarity as the foundation of

coexistence, strengthening coincidences and stimulating tolerance and respect to differences, so as to build an authentic unity among all Peruvians; and c) will promote a broadly shared vision of the future, supported on values that lead to individual and collective progress to permit an harmonic national development which is open to the world.

4. Institutionalization of dialogue and consensus building

We commit to foster dialogue and consensus building among all organizations, be they political or civil society, based upon tolerance, strengthening of coincidences, and respect for identity differences, guaranteeing freedom of thought and proposal.

With this objective, the State: (a) will promote and consolidate dialogue and consensus building culture; (b) will institutionalize citizen participation channels and mechanisms that will contribute to better exercising executive and legislative function at national, regional and local levels; and (c) will institutionalize consensus building in national prospective, budget preparation and strategic planning.

5. Government according to the objectives of strategic planning, national prospective and transparent procedures

We commit to foster State actions based upon a strategic plan that drive the resources and agrees on the necessary actions to reach national development, and growth objectives, as well as an appropriate integration to global economy.

With this objective, the State: (a) will foster the creation of a national, sectorial and institutional strategic planning system, with clear setting of general and specific objectives to establish short-, medium- and long-term targets, as well as the corresponding measurement indicators; (b) will promote governmental management to reach the objectives established in strategic planning, backed up by objective compliance control and budgetary targets; (c) will guarantee regular reporting of the Executive Branch management concerning progress made in compliance with adopted objectives; and (d) will promote public officials to orient their management to achieving the set targets and to be permanently trained in developing the necessary skills and attributes to reach them.

6. Foreign policies for peace, democracy, development and integration

We commit to carry out a foreign policy to serve peace, democracy and development, which will promote appropriate country insertion in the world and international market, through close links between foreign actions and national development priorities. We will consolidate Peru's firm adherence to international law regulations and principles, especially emphasizing Human Rights, the Charter of the United Nations and Charter of the Inter-American System. Likewise, we will guarantee a policy based upon dialogue among State institutions, political organizations and other society organizations.

With this objective, the State: (a) will promote a peace and security climate at global, hemispheric, regional and sub-regional levels, aiming at creating a political stability and trust fostering environment necessary to facilitate the development of our countries and the eradication of poverty. In this context, we will particularly emphasize arm reduction and

promotion of disarmament in Latin America; (b) will promote respect for human rights, democracy and rule of law values, and will foster the fight against corruption, drug trafficking and terrorism in the sphere of international relations through concrete initiatives and a dynamic participation in the corresponding regional and global mechanisms; (c) will actively participate in the political, social, economic and physical integration processes at sub-regional, regional and hemispheric levels, and will develop a preferential association policy with our neighboring countries so as to facilitate harmonious development and to create identities and initiatives, negotiation and dialogue capacity that will permit more equitable and reciprocal conditions in sharing in the globalization process. In this connection, it will seek subscription of common sectorial policies; (d) will actively foster sustainable development of the country's border regions and their integration with similar spaces of the neighboring countries; (e) will strengthen a national diplomacy that will promote and defend Peruvian interests abroad and be the instrument of development, trade expansion, investment attraction and international cooperation resources objectives; (f) will foster global migratory policies that will include the promotion of labor opportunities; and (g) will respect State sovereignty and the non-intervention principle .

7. Eradication of violence and strengthening of public mindedness and citizen security

We commit to regulate and foster actions aimed at strengthening public order and respect for the free exercise of rights and compliance with individual duties.

With this objective, the State: (a) will consolidate policies aimed at preventing, dissuading, sanctioning and eliminating social behaviors and practices that endanger tranquility, integrity or freedom of people as well as public and private property; (b) will promote a civic culture of respect to the law and coexistence regulations, generating citizens' awareness against violence and social stability frameworks to strengthen Peruvians' rights and duties; (c) will specially emphasize the extension of legal mechanisms to fight rooted violent practices, such as family mistreatment and rape against the physical and mental integrity of children, elders and women; (d) will guarantee its effective presence in areas vulnerable to violence; (e) will foster a culture of peace through public education and ethics leading to unrestricted respect for human rights, straight administration of justice and reconciliation; (f) will develop a specialization policy in public organizations responsible for guaranteeing citizen security; (g) will promote ethical and civic values among the members of the National Police, as well as their appropriate training and payment; and (h) will promote a national citizen security system in all country provinces and districts, led by the mayors and made up by public sector and citizen representatives.

8. Political, economic and administrative decentralization to favor a comprehensive, harmonious and sustained development of Peru.

We commit to develop a comprehensive political, economic and administrative decentralization, progressively transferring national government competences and resources to regional and local governments so as to eliminate centralism. We will build a system of political, economic and administrative autonomies, based upon the application of the principle of subordination and complementarity among national, regional and local State governments' levels, so as to strengthen the latter and encourage the growth of their economies.

With this objective the State: (a) will support the administrative and financial strengthening of regional and local governments (b) will institutionalize citizen participation in political, economic and administrative decisions; (c) will promote efficiency and transparency in public utilities regulation and supply, as well as in the development of infrastructure in all the territorial spheres; (d) will establish a clear definition of functions, competences and coordination mechanisms among the three government levels; (e) will develop regional competitiveness platforms aimed at local and regional economies' growth; (f) will develop a tax resource collection, budgetary and public expenditure structure including compensation mechanisms to ensure equitable territorial and social distribution within a framework of macroeconomic stability and fiscal and monetary balance; (g) will include the necessary mechanisms to improve management capacity, competition and efficiency of public and private entities, as well as business and productive chain competitiveness at national, regional and local levels; (h) will favor the creation of macro regional spaces from a geoeconomic integration perspective; (i) will favor inter-municipal and inter-regional partnership for dealing with specific issues; (j) will foster access to capital at regional and local levels, particularly for micro-, small- and medium-sized businesses; and (k) will foster budgetary compensation mechanisms for natural disasters and other cases, according to the degree of poverty in each region.

9. National Security Policy

We commit to maintain a national security policy to guarantee independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and safeguard of national interests. We consider this is a task that involves the society at large, the State's leading organizations, especially the Armed Forces, within the framework of the constitution and the laws. In that regard, we commit to prevent and face any external or internal threat that may endanger social peace, overall security and general well being.

With this objective the State: (a) will foster active participation of all society in achieving national security policy objectives; (b) will guarantee full Armed Forces operation aimed at dissuading, defending and preventing conflict, as well as peace keeping; (c) will foster teaching basic national security concepts at all levels in the national education system; (d) will foster active participation in protecting the Antarctic, the environment, the development of the Amazon forest and national integration; and (e) will keep close coordination within the national defense system and foreign policy to define and defend the State's permanent interests.

EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

10. Poverty reduction

We commit to effectively prioritize fighting against poverty and reduction of social inequality, applying comprehensive policies and mechanisms geared towards guaranteeing equality of economic and social opportunities. Similarly, we commit to fight discrimination due to inequity among men and women, ethnical origin, race age, believe or disability. In that regard, we privilege assistance to extreme poverty excluded and vulnerable groups.

With this objective, taking into account a sustainable human development approach, with equity among men and women, with no discrimination and in a decentralized fashion, the State: (a) will promote, local business development and employment; (b) will strengthen local management capacities to promote access to information, training, technological transfer and greater access to credit; (c) will promote the execution of logistic and productive infrastructure projects, as part of comprehensive local and regional development plans with the participation of privates; (d) will appoint increasing social investment resources to education and health to maximize program efficiency, orienting them to the poorest population; (e) will foster a full citizenship exercise and citizen participation in identifying needs, designing solutions and managing programs; (f) will establish a local system to identify, attend and promote employment for the needy; (g) will foster institutional development, effectiveness, equity and transparency of the State in the use of resources at large and, especially, in those aimed at poverty reduction programs and fostering civil society participation and surveillance; (h) will guarantee the exercise of people's rights and access to administration of justice by poor population; and (i) will foster a risk and vulnerability prevention and control culture against disasters, allocating resources for prevention, assistance and reconstruction.

11. Promotion of equal opportunities without discrimination

We commit to effectively prioritize promotion of equal opportunities, acknowledging that there are several social discrimination and inequity expressions, particularly against women, children, elders, ethnic communities, the disabled and the needy, among others. Reduction and further eradication of these inequality expressions temporarily require affirmative actions from the State and society, applying policies and establishing mechanisms aimed at guaranteeing equal economic, social and political opportunities for all the population.

With this objective, the State: (a) will fight all kinds of discrimination, promoting equal opportunities; (b) will strengthen the participation of women as social and political subjects that dialog and build consensus with the State and civil society; (c) will strengthen an institution at the highest State level in its role of steering the policies and programs to promote equal opportunities among men and women, that is, gender equity; (d) will provide women equitable access to productive resources and employment; (e) will develop systems to permit the protection of boys, girls, adolescents, adults elders, women household heads, the needy, the disabled and other people who are discriminated or excluded; and (f) will promote and protect the rights of discriminated ethnic community members, fostering social development programs to comprehensively favor them.

12. Universal access to gratuitous and quality public education and promotion and defense of culture and sport

We commit to guarantee universal and unrestricted access to comprehensive, public, free and quality education to promote equity among men and women, strengthen democratic values and prepare citizens, both men and women, for their active inclusion into social life. We acknowledge autonomy in managing each school, within the framework of a national and decentralized, inclusive, and multiple modality educational model. Peruvian education will emphasize ethical, social and cultural values, developing ecologic awareness and including disabled people.

With this objective, the State: (a) will guarantee universal access to pre-school education that may ensure comprehensive health, nutrition and early stimulation development for boys and girls from zero to five years, taking into account ethnical, cultural and sociolinguistic diversity in the country; (b) will eliminate quality gaps between public and private education as well as between rural and urban education, to foster equity in access to opportunities; (c) will promote strengthening and revaluating of the teaching profession, through a social pact that will imply reciprocal commitments to guarantee optimal professional training, promote active teacher training and ensure appropriate resource allocations to it; (d) will reinforce quality, relevance and appropriate basic education for boys, girls, preadolescents and adolescents, with freedom of opinion and beliefs; (e) will deepen scientific education and extend the use of new technologies; (f) will improve public higher education quality, both university and non university, as well as technical education appropriate to our reality; (g) will build the certification and qualification mechanisms to increase public and private education institutionalization requirements and to guarantee the students' rights; (h) will eradicate all forms of illiteracy investing in the design of policies to attend urban marginal and rural conditions; (i) will guarantee resources for educational reform, granting a minimum annual increase in the education sector budget equivalent to 0.25 % of GDP, until it reaches a global amount equivalent to 6% of GDP; (j) will re-establish physical and artistic education in schools and promote sports since childhood; (k) will foster an education evaluation and social surveillance culture with community participation; (l) will promote the education of youth and adults and labor education according to the country's needs; (m) will foster culture to prevent drug consumption, and gang activity and juvenile violence in the school; and (n) will foster and strengthen bilingual education within an intercultural context.

13. Universal access to health and social security services

We commit to ensure the conditions for universal access to health, on a free, continuous, opportune and quality basis, prioritizing the poorest areas and the most vulnerable population. We also commit to promote citizen participation in managing and evaluating health public services.

With this objective the State: (a) will foster health promotion, prevention and control of contagious and chronic degenerative diseases; (b) will promote prevention and control of mental diseases and drug addiction problems; (c) will extend access to potable water and basic sanitation and will control the main environmental pollution; (d) will develop a comprehensive plan to control main emerging and re-emerging diseases, according to the needs of each region; (e) will promote healthy life habits; (f) will extend and decentralize health services, especially in the poorest areas of the country, prioritizing mothers, children, elders and disabled; (g) will strengthen a social health network by guaranteeing and facilitating citizen and community participation in designing, following up, evaluating and controlling health policies, in agreement with the corresponding local and regional plans; (h) will promote healthy maternity and offer family planning with free election of contraception methods and without coercion; (i) will promote free and massive access of the population to public health services and regulated and complementary private sector participation; (j) will promote universal access to social security and strengthen a health fund to serve the population that is not assisted by the existing social security system; (k) will develop occupational health policies, extending them to social security; (l) will progressively increase

the percentage of the budget allocated to the health sector; (m) will develop an intense and sustained policy and timely and appropriate training of human resources involving health to ensure quality and warmth in service to the population; (n) will promote biomedical and operational research, as well as research on natural and traditional medicine use; and (o) will re-establish Social Security autonomy.

14. Access to full, decent and productive employment

We commit to promote and favor, within the framework of a social market economy, the decentralized creation of new jobs in agreement with national, regional and local developing plans. Likewise, we commit to improve the quality of employment, with appropriate income and conditions, and access to social security to permit a decent life. We also commit to foster savings, as well as responsible private and public investments, especially in sectors that generate sustainable employment.

With this objective the State: (a) will foster consensus building between the State, businesses and education to encourage research, innovation, and scientific, technological and productive development to permit, to increase public and private investments, add value to our exports and increase employment capability of people, which supposes continuous development of their personal, technical and professional skills and labor conditions; (b) will have regulations to promote decent and productive employment formalization through direct social dialog; (c) will guarantee the free exercise of unions through General Labor Law that unifies individual and collective law in agreement with the international pacts of the International Labor Organization and other international commitments that cater for labor rights; (d) will develop national and regional policies to promote micro-, small- and medium-sized businesses, emphasizing productive activities and sustainable services according to their characteristics and needs, facilitating access to markets, credits, corporate development services and new technologies, and that increase productivity and make sure it favors workers; (e) will establish a transitory labor regime to facilitate and broaden access to labor rights in micro businesses; (f) will support small artisan businesses, based on promotion guidelines and employment generation; (g) will promote corporate investment in labor training and coordination of public training programs according to local and regional economies; (h) will guarantee access to information on the labor market to permit better decision making and more pertinent orientation of educational supply; (i) will foster elimination of extreme inequality among the haves and have nots; (j) will foster women, elder and youth employment programs in development plans; (k) will promote the use of local labor in investments and the creation of special jobs for disabled people; (l) will guarantee the application of the equal salary for equal work principle with no discrimination due to origin, race, sex, language, beliefs, opinion, economic condition, age or any other kind; (m) will guarantee appropriate retribution for goods and services produced for the rural population in agriculture, craft or any other modality, (n) will eradicate the worst forms of child work and, generally will protect children and adolescents from any kind of work that may endanger their education, health, physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development; (o) will promote better working conditions and appropriately protect the rights of domestic workers; (p) will foster consensus building and social dialog among business people, workers and the State through the National Labor Council, to promote employment, corporate competitiveness, and to ensure the rights of workers; and (q) will develop indicators and monitoring systems to permit to establish the impact of economic measures on employment.

15. Promotion of food security and nutrition

We commit to establish a food security policy to permit availability and access of the population to sufficient quality food to guarantee an active and healthy life within a comprehensive human development conception.

With this objective, the State: (a) will foster sustainable and diversified food production, increasing productivity, fighting pests and preserving natural resources, tending to decrease dependence on food imports; (b) will guarantee that available foods are economically accessible, appropriate and sufficient to guarantee the needs for energy and nutrients among the population; (c) will prevent food imports from changing healthy consumption patterns among the population, stressing food dependence and affecting national basic food production; (d) will promote the establishment of an obligatory ethics code for the trade of food, which compliance shall be supervised by an Intersectorial Food and Nutrition Council aiming at guaranteeing the population's life and health; (e) will apply, together with local government and organized society, quality controls and surveillance on production, trade, storage and distribution of food for human consumption, so as to ensure ideal quality and sanitary conditions of same; (f) will guarantee basic sanitation; (g) will promote participation, organization and surveillance of consumers as a democratic citizen exercise; (h) will take measures against threats to food security, such as drought, desertification, pests, erosion of biological diversity, land and water degradation. To do so, it will promote land rehabilitation and germplasms preservation; (i) will reinforce public and private research on agriculture, cattle raising, forestry and other resources; (j) will make it possible for families and people exposed to food insecurity to satisfy their food and nutritional needs and will provide assistance to those who are not in the condition of doing so; (k) will ensure access to food and appropriate nutrition, especially for children under five and infants, and pregnant women and school children, for extreme poor and vulnerable people, as well as families in poverty or risk situation, promoting a broad participation, surveillance and self management of organized civil society and beneficiary families; (l) will develop a participatory intersectorial policy for food security, with decentralized programs to comprehensively address more nutrition problems; (m) will stimulate and promote breastfeeding in the first year of life; (n) will provide food and nutritional supplements to extreme poor and vulnerable population, (o) will train and educate the population on nutrition, health, hygiene, nutritional surveillance and citizen rights to achieve appropriate nutrition; (p) will include nutritional education content in educational programs; (q) will recover and value original healthy knowledge and nutritional habits; (r) will disseminate nutritional virtues of agribusiness derivatives from local crops; and (s) will promote active participation of people and social groups overcoming handout and paternalism approaches .

16. Strengthening of family, protection and promotion of children, adolescence and youth.

We commit to strengthen families as a fundamental space for people's comprehensive development, promoting marriage and family communities respectful of the dignity and rights of all their members. The state has the policy of preventing, sanctioning and eradicating different violent manifestations produced in family relations. We also have the purpose of guaranteeing well being, comprehensive development, and dignified life for boys, girls, adolescents and youth, especially those who are at risk, poverty and exclusion. We will

promote institutional spaces and neighborhood environments that will permit pacific coexistence and personal security, as well as a culture of respect to moral, cultural and social values.

With this objective, the State: (a) will guarantee educational programs aimed at making up and developing stable families, based on respect among all of its members; (b) will promote responsible paternity and maternity; (c) will strengthen the participation and leadership of girls, boys and adolescents in their schools and other interaction spaces; (d) will guarantee the access of girls, boys and adolescents to comprehensive education and health, cultural enrichment, recreation and education in values, so as to strengthen their self-esteem, personality and the development of their abilities; (e) will prevent all kinds of family violence, as well as mistreatment and exploitation against boys, girls and adolescents, contributing to their eradication; (f) will prevent gangs and violence among youth and will promote programs to reintegrate offender adolescents into society; (g) will develop special programs to attend boys, girls, adolescents and youth who suffer from the sequels of terrorism, (h) will strengthen the children and adolescence attention system ruling entity, the Children and Adolescent Ombudsman Network at municipalities and schools, and comprehensive services for reporting, specialized attention and sanction of violence and exploitation cases against them; (i) will foster special recreation, creation and productive and entrepreneurial education programs for the youngest; (j) will implement comprehensive care services for pregnant adolescents, minor female household heads and young couples; (k) will strengthen child day care systems from a multisectorial perspective; (l) will support private and public investment to create recreation, sports and culture for youth, especially in remote and poor areas; (m) will promote mass media dissemination of positive images of childhood, adolescence and youth, as well as appropriate content for their age; (n) will promote sexual education respecting the right of parents to provide particular education they deem more convenient for their children; (o) will implement scholarship and training programs or other ways to support a better intellectual and professional education of youth; (p) will institutionalize multisectorial policies to reduce family and juvenile violence; and (q) and will promote institutionalization of youth forums on State care.

COUNTRY COMPETITIVENESS

17. Affirmation of the social market economy

We commit to support the country's economic policy on the principles of social market economy, which acknowledges free market but includes the irreplaceable and responsible, promoter, regulator, transparent and subsidiary State that seeks to achieve human development and solidarity in the country through sustained economic growth with social equity and employment.

With this objective, the State: (a) will guarantee the stability of institutions and rules of the game; (b) will promote country competitiveness, consensus strategic planning and sector development policies at national, regional and local levels; (c) will stimulate private investment; (d) will foster infrastructure development; (e) will prevent incumbent abuse and practices that restrict free competition and will favor the participation of consumers organizations all over the territory; (f) will foster equal opportunities that tend to appropriate

income distribution; and (g) and will favor strengthening of the national productive apparatus through investing in human capacities and fixed capital.

18. Search for competitiveness, productivity and formalization of the economic activity

We commit to increase the country's competitiveness aiming at reaching sustained economic growth to generate quality employment and successfully integrate to global economy. Improvement of competitiveness in all businesses modalities, including small and micro businesses, requires an effort of the society at large and, particularly entrepreneurs, workers, and the State to promote access to quality education, stable political and juridical climate that is favorable for private investment and for public and private management. Likewise, we commit to promote and achieve formalization of economic activities and relations at all levels.

With this objective, the State: (a) will consolidate efficient, promoter, transparent, modern and decent decentralization; (b) will guarantee a legal framework to promote formalization and competitiveness of economic activity; (c) will seek effective and continuous administrative simplification, removing access and exit to market barriers; (d) will provide appropriate infrastructure; (e) will promote greater competition in the goods and services, financial and capital markets; (f) will favor a tax policy that does not tax investment, employment and exports; (g) will promote added value for goods and services and will increase exports, especially non traditional ones; (h) will guarantee access to economic information; (i) will foster research, creation, adaptation and technological and scientific transfer; (j) will facilitate training of managers and labor force; and (k) will build competitiveness and business commitment with a national objective culture.

19. Sustainable development and environmental management

We commit to integrate national environmental policy with economic, social, cultural and land management policies, to contribute to overcome poverty and achieve sustainable development in Peru. We also commit to institutionalize environmental, public and private management, to protect biological diversity, facilitate sustainable use of natural resources, ensure environmental protection and promote sustainable towns and cities, which will help to improve the living conditions, especially of the most vulnerable population in the country.

With this objective, the State: (a) will strengthen environmental management institutional framework optimizing coordination between civil society, national environmental authority, sectorial and decentralized management levels within the framework of a national environmental management system; (b) will promote responsible and informed participation of the private sector and civil society in environmental decisions and surveillance of compliance and will foster greater environmental awareness; (c) will promote land management, management of basins, costal marine areas, as well as the recuperation of degraded environment, considering territory vulnerability; (d) will foster application of environmental management instruments, favoring prevention and clean production; (e) will include natural and environmental resource supply valuation in the national accounts, as well as environmental degradation and internalization of environmental costs; (f) will stimulate environmental investment and technological transfer to generate industrial, mining, transport, sanitation and energy activities that are clear and more competitive, as well as sustainable use of forest resources, bio technology, bio trade and tourism; (g) will permanently promote

and evaluate efficient use of soil, underground, water and air preservation and conservation, preventing negative environmental externalities; (h) will acknowledge and defend traditional indigenous knowledge and culture, regulating their protection and recording, access and distribution of benefits from genetic resources; (i) will promote urban management, as well as comprehensive management of urban and industrial waste stimulating its reduction, reuse and recycle; (j) will strengthen environmental education and research; (k) will implement the Environmental Impact Evaluation System to ensure citizen participation, multisectorial coordination and business compliance with environmental protection criteria and conditions; (l) will regulate elimination of sound pollution; (m) will comply with international treaties concerning environmental management, and will facilitate international cooperation participation and support to recover and maintain ecologic balance; and (n) will develop the National Trade and Environment Strategy.

20. Science and technology development

We commit to strengthen the country's capacity to generate and use scientific and technological knowledge, to develop human resources and to improve natural resource management and business competitiveness. Similarly, we commit to increase research activities and control of obtained results, duly and specifically evaluating them. We also commit to allocate more financial resources through public deeds that lead to selecting the best research and projects, as well as to protect intellectual property.

With this objective, the State: (a) will allocate more resources, apply tax regulations and foster other financing modalities aimed at educating human resources, at scientific research, at improving research infrastructure and technological innovation; (b) will create mechanisms that will rise the scientific research level and technological development at universities, research institutes and corporations; (c) will seek to train highly qualified human resources in the productive sectors that are most promising for the national economy; (d) will develop national and regional productive, social and environmental impact programs; and (e) will promote among the population, particularly among youth and childhood, creativity, the experimental method, critical and logical reasoning and affection for nature and society through the mass media.

21. Development in infrastructure and housing

We commit to develop infrastructure and housing so as to eliminate their deficit, make the country more competitive, permit its sustainable development and provide each family with the necessary conditions for healthy development in an appropriate environment. The State, at national, regional and local level, shall be the facilitator and regulator of these activities and will foster transfer of their design, building, promotion, maintenance or operation, be it the case, to the private sector.

With the objective of developing infrastructure in the country, the State: (a) will prepare a national infrastructure plan identifying national integration and growth axes, to develop a power, road, port, airport and telecommunications network, that will permit business fluidity and decision making; (b) will provide special treatment to social service work, especially emphasizing health infrastructure, education, sanitation, irrigation and drainage. To do so it will seek the participation of private businesses in their management; (c) will promote

development of tourist and export corridors so as to transfer products at reasonable prices, facilitate production chains and consolidate border integration according to national plans; (d) will build local infrastructure with the participation of the population in its building and maintenance. Likewise, aiming at developing housing, the State: (e) will prepare a national housing plan and the necessary regulations to simplify construction and registration of houses in terms of time and cost, and permit densification, lower costs and security; (f) will contribute to consolidate a housing system that is integrated to the private economic system with the State in a subsidiary, facilitator and regulator role; (g) will support families to facilitate them access to dignified housing; (h) will foster implementation of massive and industrialized housing construction techniques, together with the use of quality management; (j) will foster training and accreditation of labor in the construction industry; (k) will foster housing physical, legal formalization, as well as titling to include low income sectors to the formal system; and (l) will seek to improve self built housing quality.

22. Foreign trade policy for extending markets with reciprocity

We commit to develop a foreign trade policy based upon joint efforts by the State and private sector to achieve competitive country insertion in international market.

With this objective, the State: (a) will ensure juridical and macroeconomic stability ; (b) will preserve a flexible exchange policy; (c) will establish a budgetary policy to promote level reduction and dispersion of tariffs, respecting our integration agreements and multilateral commitments; (d) will favor an equitable and neutral tax policy to ensure refunding taxes to exporters; (e) will strengthen the foreign trade logistic chain and will consolidate the custom and trade facilitation system; (f) will improve, with the active participation of the private sector, infrastructure related to foreign trade activities; (g) will establish a dynamic and comprehensive commercial promotion policy; (h) will fight undervaluation, dumping, smuggling, and other disloyal competition modalities; (i) will permanently struggle to remove non-tariff barriers against our exports; (j) will seek new and better trade agreements aimed at increasing and diversifying markets for domestic products and services with value added; (k) will promote the development of an exportable and competitive offer with the participation of small and mid-sized companies; (l) will harmonize the different public policies affecting foreign trade; (m) will articulate different foreign trade public and private sector efforts and will establish a coordinating organ; (n) will promote the organization of small producers and export consortia; (o) will design a comprehensive commercial information system, and (p) will promote management capacity of trade diplomatic missions.

23. Agricultural and rural development policy

We commit to foster the country's agricultural and rural development, including farming, cattle raising, aquiculture, agribusinesses and sustainable forestry exploitation, to foster the sector's economic and social development. Within the State's subsidiary and regulatory role, enshrined in the Constitution, we will promote market profitability and expansion of agriculture activities, fostering their competitiveness for exporting in seeking to socially improve the rural population.

With this objective, the State: (a) will support agricultural frontier expansion and agricultural production increase, specially emphasizing productivity, export promotion with increased

value added and defending the internal market from subsidised imports; (b) will develop irrigation infrastructure, water regulation and distribution systems, soil improvement, and it will promote transportation, electrification, communications, storage and agricultural produce conservation services; (c) will articulate the development of intermediate cities which, with the improvement of rural infrastructure, will drive private investment and promote the creation of work opportunities; (d) will support agricultural modernization and agribusinesses, fostering genetic research, technological development and the extension of technical knowledge; (e) will formulate national and regional policies to foster agricultural activity, seeking its profitability; and (f) and will foster an efficient agricultural information system that will permit farmers to choose appropriate economic alternatives and prepare national, regional and local indicative plans.

EFFICIENT, TRANSPARENT AND DECENTRALIZED STATE

24. Affirmation of an efficient and transparent State

We commit to build and maintain an efficient, effective, modern and transparent State to serve the people and their rights, and to promote development and good market and public utility operation. We also commit to have the State respond to population demands and ensure their participation in managing public and social policies, as well as in the regulation of public utilities in the three government levels. We guarantee appropriate representation and defense of users of these services, protection to consumers and autonomy of regulatory organizations.

With this objective, the State: (a) will increase coverage, quality and speed in procedures, as well as in public utility supply. To do so, it will establish and regularly evaluate basic service standards the State will guarantee to the population; (b) will establish continuous improvement mechanisms in public administration for the allocation, execution, quality and control of fiscal expenditure; (c) will provide access to information on public plans, programs, projects, budgets, financial operations, acquisitions and expenditure, projected or executed in each government region, department, province, district or instance; (d) it will implement citizen control instruments to guarantee transparency and accountability at all government instances; (e) will eradicate proselitist use of the State and creation of clientele; (f) will improve the State's management capacity through comprehensive public administration reform at all levels; (g) will reduce access costs to public goods and services; and (h) will revalue and strengthen civil service career, promoting entrance and permanence of civil servants that show high competence and moral solvency.

25. Defense of Armed Forces institutional framework and their service to democracy

We commit to optimize the service provided by the Armed Forces concerning peace-keeping and territorial integrity, within unrestricted respect to constitutional precepts, legal order and human rights.

With this objective, the State: (a) will affirm the institutional framework, professionalism and neutrality of the Armed Forces; (b) will guarantee Armed Forces democratic control; (c) will reaffirm its non deliberating character through appropriate civil-military relationship; (d) will

promote modern, flexible, efficient, effective and joint action Armed Forces ruled by ethical and moral values characteristic of democracy; (e) will promote their participation in regional defense, hemispheric security and peace missions within the framework of the United Nations Organization; (f) will provide the necessary material elements for the compliance with its constitutional missions and the role assigned by the State; (g) will guarantee application of mechanisms foreseen in the legal order establishing transparency and control in the acquisition and sale of goods and services; and (h) will grant Armed Forces members the right to vote.

26. Promotion of ethics and transparency and eradication of corruption, money laundering, tax evasion and smuggling in all its modalities

We commit to affirm, both in society and State, ethical principles and social values to promote citizen surveillance and produce increasing levels of peace, transparency, trust and effective solidarity.

With this objective: the State: (a) will emphasize the ethical principles that strengthen citizen compliance with regulations; (b) will supervise responsible and transparent performance of public office, promoting citizen surveillance of performance and the strengthening and independence of the National Control System; (c) will eliminate impunity, abuse of power, corruption and disrespect for rights (d) will develop a culture of peace, democratic values and transparency that will receive genuine and pacific complaints from different sectors in society; (e) will promote a culture of respect to the law, solidarity, and anticorruption that may remove practices which the political order, including traffic of influences, nepotism, drug trafficking, smuggling, tax evasion and money laundering; and (f) will regulate public office to prevent its exercise as a function of private interest.

27. Eradication of drug production, traffic and consumption

We commit to adopt a comprehensive policy against drugs which, based upon ethical principles and social values, is made up by educational, economic, commercial, sanction, public health and control elements. We also commit to generate and support efficient alternative farming of profitable products and those aimed at the beneficial use of coca leaves, interdiction systems to eliminate illegal drug trafficking and campaigns aimed at eradicating drug consumption. We will also cater for the situation and needs of the populations most affected by drug trafficking and health of people affected by drug consumption.

With this objective, the State: (a) will promote ethical principles and lifestyles that motivate in society rejection to illegal production, traffic and consumption of drugs, as well as connected illicit activities, through the improvement of education contents and active family participation; (b) will straightforwardly and legally fight drug trafficking and its organization; (c) will promote drug consumption prevention systems and drug addict rehabilitation; (d) will promote comprehensive alternative development to substitute the economy based upon coca farming for a licit, profitable and sustainable economy, seeking access to markets and development of road infrastructure; (e) will respect international commitments on the matter assumed by the country and consolidate acceptance of the shared responsibility principles between "producer" and "consumer" countries; (f) will foster care and recovery of the environment

affected by the informality of farming activity devoted to the production of inputs to illicitly manufacture drugs; (g) will fight any existing relationship between illicit drug traffic and corruption of current or former State officials (h) will promote eco-tourism using labor from the affected areas; and (j) will sanction the consumption of illegal drugs.

28. Full effectiveness of constitution and human rights and access to justice and judicial independence

We commit to guarantee universal access to justice, promotion of peace justice and Judiciary's autonomy, independence and budget, as well as to regulate complementarity between the Judiciary and communal justice. Likewise, we commit to adopt policies that may guarantee fundamental rights enjoyment and effectiveness as established in the Constitution and international treaties in this matter.

With this objective, the State: (a) will promote institutionalization of the Justice Administration System, respecting the Judiciary, the Public Ministry (General Attorney) and the National Magistrate Council and the Constitutional Tribunal's independence, autonomy and budget, within State modernization and decentralization to serve the citizens; (b) will promote transparency appointment of judicial authorities as well as their valuation and permanent training; (c) will promote a relationship between communal justice and the Judiciary that shall respect the intercultural character of justices of the peace and popular election of justices of the peace; (e) will disseminate conciliation, intermediation, arbitration and, generally, alternative dispute settlement mechanisms; (f) will adopt legal and administrative measures to guarantee the effectiveness and dissemination of the Constitution, will strengthen unrestricted respect for human rights and will ensure sanctions for those responsible for their violations; (g) will establish surveillance mechanisms for the correct functioning of justice administration, respect for human rights and eradication of judicial corruption in coordination with civil society; (h) will guarantee national coverage and better operation of the Ombudsman's Office; and (i) will strengthen internal control instances of jurisdictional organs.

29. Access to information, freedom of expression and freedom of the press

We commit to guarantee the citizens' rights to request and receive information, the obligation the State has of providing information and the transparency and dissemination of government acts. We also commit to safeguard freedom of expression and eradicate any practice limiting it, as well as ensuring the citizen's right to truthful, objective and quality information. Also we commit to promote full and responsible exercise of the broadest freedom of the press, allowing free creation of all kinds of mass media communication and free dissemination of ideas and information.

With the objective of guaranteeing access to information and freedom of expression, the State: (a) will promote a transparency, accountability and dissemination of government acts culture, eliminating the culture of secrecy; (b) will nullify any criminal regulations threatening the full exercise of freedom of expression and illegal restrictions of same and it will penalize its manipulation; (c) will establish a transparent and fair system to allocate State publicity; (d) will eradicate administrative barriers, will reduce access costs and will promote the use of electronic means to facilitate free, timely and complete access to State information; (e) will seek to strike a balance between the right to protection of personal intimacy and national

security, with the right to freely access to State information and to freedom of expression; (f) will unify legislation on access to State information and publicity of public administration acts; (g) will guarantee the political parties that compete in each election access in equality conditions to mass media that use the electromagnetic spectrum and to electoral time slots. Aiming at guaranteeing freedom of the press, the State: (h) will prevent any kind of censorship; (i) will favor ethical self regulations of mass media and citizen organization to defend the population's rights to free access to information; (j) will propose the existence of conscience clauses that may guarantee the freedom of journalism to an independent opinion and ethical codes in the communication companies; and (k) will have a policy against all kinds of information that damages people's dignity and honor.

30. Elimination of terrorism and affirmation of National Reconciliation

We commit to eliminate terrorism with a comprehensive strategy for its eradication, observing full effectiveness of human rights and due process while at the same time continuing with national reconciliation, with the conviction that only in an environment of peace and concord, will Peru defeat poverty and achieve well-being.

With this objective, the State (a) will develop actions aimed at eradicating terrorism, severely sanctioning the members of terrorist organizations and fighting eventual new modalities of this scourge, especially in its relation with drug trafficking; b) will keep and anti-terrorism legislation compatible with national law and treaties subscribed by Peru concerning Human Rights; c) will foster democratic education, peace culture, civilized coexistence and citizen participation in the defense of the rule of law and the prevention of terrorist activities; d) will be prone to comprehensive attention to the sequel of violence and compensation to victims; e) will develop comprehensive programs to support free repopulation and/or reconstruction of areas affected by terrorism violence and f) will promote actions aimed at eliminating violence structural factors.

31. Fiscal sustainability and debt burden reduction

We commit to ensure the conditions that will permit to have a sustainable budget that agrees with national priorities as well as to take external and internal public debt to sustainable levels that are compatible with the recovery of public investment and improvement of country risk rating.

With this objective, the State: (a) will ensure fiscal sustainability; (b) will produce a tax reform with a progressive approach, taking economic development and formalization as foundations and guaranteeing full respect for tax payers' constitutional rights; (c) will ensure the quality of social public expenditure; (d) will reprofile public debt service prudently and transparently; (e) will commit creditors in co-founding of development within the framework of the National Accord policies; and (f) will ensure transparency in the new contracts and accountability of past, present and future indebtedness.