Resolution on Peru, extradition and trial of the former President, Alberto Fujimori

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on Peru.

The text adopted in plenary was tabled by PES, ALDE, EPP-ED, GUE/NGL, and Greens/ALE groups.

Parliament congratulates the Chilean and Peruvian authorities on their effective cooperation in the detention of Mr Fujimori and welcomes the Chilean authorities' decision to formally initiate the extradition procedure. It recalls that Mr Fujimori ruled Peru between 1990 and 2000 and faces some 22 charges in Peru for human rights abuses and corruption and, additionally, Congress and the Electoral Board have barred him from running for office until 2011. Parliament has given unreserved support for Peru's democratic process since the fall of Mr Fujimori's regime in 2000.

It reiterates that the **fight against impunity is one of the cornerstones of the Union's policy in the field of human rights**, and is of the view that it is the primary duty of all the partners to work together for respect for democracy and human rights. Parliament supports, therefore, the extradition of Mr Fujimori to Peru, which has already been formally requested, so as to ensure that Mr Fujimori appears in court to face the charges against him. It expresses total confidence in the Chilean and Peruvian judicial systems, and trusts that this extradition will take place on the basis of full respect for the procedures and applicable legislation, and that Mr Fujimori's trial will be conducted according to international standards.

Members urge the Peruvian government to take all necessary steps to ensure a policy of full protection of the witnesses in respect of the charges against Mr Fujimori.