



**Submitted To: Special Political
Topic: Destruction of World Heritage Sites
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- 1 **DEEPLY CONCERNED** that Peru’s existing legislation for the protection of their country’s heritage
2 sites are ineffective for the breadth of their responsibilities and severely lacking in funding, and
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4 **BEARING IN MIND** that insufficient funding largely contributes to the destruction of world heritage
5 sites through lacking in protection, failing to provide for repairs, and being unable to enforce existing
6 laws, and
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8 **ALARMED BY** the fact that more than one-thousand of Peru’s world heritage sites experience the
9 absence of security and material for repairs due to the loss of financing, and
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11 **RECOGNIZING** that World Heritage Sites are international treasures that enrich the history of people
12 groups everywhere, regardless of the owning country’s ability to sustain such monuments, and
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14 **RECALLING** that tourism and commercialization, though opportunities to celebrate or embrace World
15 Heritage Sites sites, also play a major role in the destruction of these sites, and
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17 **FURTHER RECALLING** that Peru, who’s economy relies heavily on tourism as their third largest
18 industry, suffers damages to their World Heritage Sites through tourism and commercialization in ways
19 that are unable to combat;
20 (a) During the filming of a commercial, in 2000, an Incan solar clock was damaged,
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22 (b) In 2010, a candelabra geoglyph was ruined by a cyclist,
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24 (c) Vandalism, invasion, theft and illicit trade are also major contributors to the destruction of
25 historical sites,
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27 **EMPHASIZING** that poverty, among other motives, has caused people to carelessly excavate historical
28 riches and pottery from ancient tombs, to sell them on online buying sites such as eBay;
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30 1) **ENCOURAGES** the United States to continue enforcing import sanctions on archeological
31 artifacts and materials from Peru and other countries with World Heritage Sites;
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33 2) **FURTHER INVITES** all other countries, especially European countries, to impose import
34 sanctions on all archeological artifacts from Peru and other countries with World Heritage Sites;
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36 3) **CALLS UPON** all countries to help contribute funds for new museums, projects, and training of
37 archeologists and employees;
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39 (a) Needs include: repair, renovation, and refurbishment of ancient artifacts; sending artifacts
40 back to country of origin once more conservation centers are built to house them;
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42 4) **ENDORSES** all countries displaying ancient artifacts and educating their people on the unique
43 history, culture, and importance of every object, in hopes of ceasing the vandalism, destruction,
44 theft, and trade..