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**Remarks by Ms VERÓNICA ZAVALA**

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS OF PERU**

Honorable Mark Vaile, Minister of Transport and Regional Services of Australia,

Honorable Ministers,

APEC Secretariat Executive Director,

Delegates,

Dear Colleagues,

Five years ago, Peru was honored to organize the 3rd APEC Transportation Ministerial Meeting, which made us aware of the serious responsibility involving the organization of an event of this kind. In this sense, we congratulate the Australia government for the efficient work undertaken at the preparation of the 5th APEC Transportation Ministerial Meeting.

At the 4<sup>th</sup> APEC Transportation Ministerial Meeting (July 2004), in Bali, we set priorities to reduce impediments to trade and investment, while enhancing security and safety, including progressive liberalization of transportation infrastructure and services. Likewise, we emphasized the need of engaging in economic and technical cooperation, and building human and institutional capacity. These steps have become concrete and effective actions within the APEC Transportation Working Group (TPT-WG). However, there is still too much work to be done in developing economies. Hence we agree that this meeting is an opportunity to foster the TPT-WG, as an instrument by which both APEC Leaders' and Ministers' goals and directions in the transport field are implemented collectively.

Developing economies, including Peru, have a huge US\$23 billion deficit in public infrastructure, and specifically for transportation, the shortfall is US\$ 7 billion. There is therefore a need to make large infrastructure investments in a context of limited resources. In this sense, we have established public-private partnership mechanisms, allowing to increase infrastructure supply under international standards. To date, Peru has granted concessions in railroads, airports and ports. All of this has been done to facilitate connection within our country. As a result, we will be allowed to become an effective integration bridge between the Pacific and the Atlantic while increasing trade volume in the APEC economies.

Furthermore, the development of a Road Axes Implementation Program, referred to as “Peru Project- Integrating our Country”, aimed at providing safe road interconnection and fair transportation costs, will make it possible for the poorest regions of my country to be given the opportunity to trade their produce, while safeguarding their welfare. This program

consists of the implementation of works in 31 Road Axes, totalizing 12,000Km of roads, and requires a US\$3 million investment.

In order to achieve the Bogor goals of free and open trade and investment in Asia-Pacific, by 2010, for developed economies, and 2020, for developing economies, it is necessary to underline the urgent need of implementing technical assistance networks on transportation security, allowing economies with a higher level of development to share their skills and experiences in logistics chain security, and reinforce human and institutional capacity building in developing countries.

It is also worth pointing out that security measures for seaborne, air and land transportation have been implemented in Peru. These include: compliance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code), the conduction of a MANPADS (Man-Portable Air Defense System) Vulnerability Assessment, and the enhancement of a “Zero Tolerance” Program to control transportation services of passengers and cargo vehicles, thus reducing serious casualties caused by road- related injuries.

Honorable Ministers, the Draft Joint Ministerial Statement provides a productive agenda for discussion of the TPT-WG future direction. This will undoubtedly impact on the economic and social welfare of the region. I am really convinced that the meeting will be highly interactive and will be conducted by initiatives ensuring safer, more secure, efficient, integrated and environmentally sustainable transportation systems for the Region.

Peru finally reaffirms its commitment to the TPT-WG work and reminds you we will host the APEC 2008 year and the XVI Leaders' Summit. I would like then to cordially invite you all to visit us. A warm welcome will be always extended to our visitors. Additionally, we are willing to organize the XXXI Transportation Working Group Meeting in Iquitos (Peru), in March 2008, to be held immediately after the Conference on Secure Trade in the APEC Region (STAR), another important meeting.

Thanks so much for your kind attention.

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