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Lima, May 28th, 2009.

Most Reverend

**James Weisgerber**

Archbishop of Winnipeg

President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Your Grace,

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord of Life. We have been following up the efforts of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in order to clarify some troubling information concerning the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development & Peace (CCODP)'s funding activities of pro-abortion groups in Latin America.

As President of the Family, Childhood and Life Commission of the Peruvian Bishop Conference, I am personally concerned about any funding from Catholics of Canada to pro abortion groups in Peru. So I decided to convoke the staff of professionals of this Commission to make a research of the topic.

I am attaching the results of this research to this letter. There are three Peruvian organizations very committed with the pro abortion movement here in Peru. They are:

1. CNR – **Coordinadora Nacional de Radio** (National Community Radio Coordinating Agency)
2. GRESP – **Groupe Réseau d'économie solidaire au Pérou** (The Peruvian Economic Solidarity Network) Grupo Red de economía solidaria en el Perú.
3. FEMOCCPALC (*Federación de las mujeres organizadas en centrales de cocinas populares*).

Of course, we do not have any relationship with them in any Pastoral matter or Project. We could not have it since Catholic Church is usually under attack because of its opposition to abortion and the so called "reproductive health". As you will see, each group either explicitly endorses abortion, and/or contraception, either by name or by its various euphemisms like "sexual and reproductive rights" or some derivation thereof.

In that sense, we respectfully would like to formally request that the funding for the pro-abortion groups in Peru by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace be halted.

It is very disturbing to have groups which work against the Bishops of Peru by attempting to undermine legal protection for the right to life of unborn children, be funded by our brother bishops in Canada.



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We would be very pleased to assist you in finding worthy Catholic organizations involved in authentic development projects in Peru, as our nation could benefit greatly from the generosity of Canadian Catholics.

In Christ and Mary,

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