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**The Secretary's Call Sheet for**  
**Peruvian Foreign Minister Jose Garcia Belaunde**  
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**TBD**

**Purpose of Call:** To retain Peru's support for the November 29 elections in Honduras.

- **IAEA Vote on Iran:** We appreciate your principled position on the IAEA Board of Governors vote. A strong, unified signal to Iran is vital as we try to move forward.
- **Honduras:** We appreciate your announcement that Peru will accept the November 29 elections in Honduras. We see transparent, free, and fair elections as a vital part of the process to resolve the crisis and restore democracy there.
- **Bilateral Relations:** We value our partnership with Peru, and want to continue looking for ways to strengthen our partnership. I am impressed that Peru has been able to maintain economic growth despite internal security challenges.
- **(If Raised) Deputy Secretary Visit:** Deputy Secretary of State Steinberg regrets that he is unable to visit Peru at this time, but I know he looks forward to doing so in the future.

**Background:** Although Foreign Minister Garcia Belaunde announced November 25 that Peru will accept the November 29 elections in Honduras, we are concerned that Brazil could put pressure on Peru to reverse its position. Thus, besides expressing appreciation for Peru's vote on the IAEA resolution regarding Iran, this call is intended to maintain Peru's supportive position on Honduras. The Peruvian government is disappointed that Deputy Secretary Steinberg will not travel to Peru (he was planning to travel to Colombia and Peru the week of November 30 but had to postpone the trip due to the OSCE Ministerial) and the Foreign Minister may mention the issue.

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Call Notes:

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