

Diplomatic relations between the Republic of Peru and the Kingdom of Belgium

Peru and Belgium maintain a close and strong bilateral relation. The political and diplomatic ties develop within a framework of important cordiality and mutual respect based on solid grounds, as a result of a vocation that shares the same aspirations, values and principles that give meaning to our societies : the value of democracy, the respect of the Rule of Law, human rights, freedom of speech, legal security, free initiative with regards to economy and the importance we attach to sustainable and inclusive development.

In the economic field, Belgium is the sixth commercial partner of the country, within the European Union, with a positive trade balance for our country. It is also the sixth European investor in the energy and transport sectors, among others. Belgium is a country whose economic activity is essentially linked to foreign trade. For that reason, trade relations turn out to be of vital importance for Peru.

Agreements recently reached

- Specific Convention related to the Institutional Strengthening of the Office of the Ombudsman Project, for the Promotion and the Defense of Citizens' Rights (First Stage). Signed on 06/09/2001.
- Specific Convention relating to the Institutional Strengthening of the Office of the Ombudsman Project, for the Promotion and the Defense of Citizens' Rights (Second Stage). Signed on 21/01/2004.
- Specific Convention relating to the Institutional Strengthening of the Office of the Ombudsman Project, for the Promotion and the Defense of Citizens' Rights (Third Stage). Signed on 26/07/2006.
- Agreement for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments between Peru and the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union. It was signed in Brussels in October 2005 and has been in force since September 2008.
- Agreement on the achievement of lucrative activities by some members of the family of the consular and diplomatic staff, entered into force on 1 April 2010.
- Specific Convention related to the Program of Support to the Politics of Universal Insurance, signed on 21 March 2013.
- Convention on Police Cooperation signed on 6 December 2017.
- Convention on Cooperation regarding Antarctic, signed on 28 June 2018.

Visits to Peru of Belgian high-ranking officials:

- Visit to our country of Princess Astrid in October 2014. On that occasion, she signed an interinstitutional collaboration Convention between the Ministry of Education and the Academy of Research and Higher Education in Belgium (ARES), which promotes the access of

Peruvian professionals with an academic performance of excellence and insufficient economic resources, to postgraduate study programmes.

- Working visit to Peru of Belgium's Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Mr. Didier Reynders, in August 2015, during which he signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Political Consultations Mechanisms whose first edition took place in Brussels in 2015 at the Directors-General level. The second meeting of the mechanism was held on 17 October 2017, in the city of Lima.

- Visit of Secretary General at the Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr. Dirk Achten, who led the Belgian delegation for the II meeting of the Bilateral Political Consultation Mechanism, on 17 October 2017. El Perú y Bélgica mantienen una estrecha y fluida relación bilateral. Los vínculos político-diplomáticos se desarrollan en un marco de gran cordialidad y respeto mutuo sustentado en bases sólidas, producto de una vocación que comparte los mismos ideales, valores y principios que dan sentido a nuestras sociedades: el valor de la democracia, al respeto al Estado de Derecho, los derechos humanos, la libertad de expresión, la seguridad jurídica, la libre iniciativa en materia económica y la importancia que le asignamos al desarrollo sostenible e inclusivo.