



## EFTA and Peru sign Joint Declaration on Co-operation

The EFTA States and Peru today signed a Joint Declaration on Co-operation. Attending the signing ceremony in Geneva were the Viceminister of Foreign Trade of Peru, Mr. Pablo de la Flor Belaúnde, as well as the Ambassadors of the EFTA States, Mr. Kristinn F. Árnason of Iceland, Mr. Pierre-Louis Girard of Switzerland, Mr. Norbert Frick of Liechtenstein, Mr. Eirik Glenne of Norway and the Secretary-General of EFTA, Mr. William Rossier.

This press release in [French](#), [German](#), [Icelandic](#) and [Norwegian](#).



*Viceminister of Foreign Trade of Peru, Mr. Pablo de la Flor Belaúnde, signed the Declaration on behalf of Peru*

The main objectives of the Declaration are to enhance economic relations and to establish a framework for the expansion, diversification and liberalisation of trade and investment. Under the Declaration, the EFTA States and Peru will seek to create favourable conditions conducive to capital flows and investment, thus improving conditions for private sector industrial co-operation. A Joint Committee has been established as a forum to put the co-operation into practice and to discuss other issues of mutual interest to the Parties.

Trade between the EFTA States and Peru has been increasing over the last few years. Important EFTA exports include machinery and mechanical appliances; pharmaceutical products; mineral fuels and oil. Important imports include fats and oils; waste from food industries and animal feed.

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Photographs from the signing ceremony:

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#### **About EFTA**

EFTA, the European Free Trade Association, is an inter-governmental organisation established in 1960 for the development of economic relations between its Member States and for developing free trade relations between its Members and other countries. Present Members include Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. EFTA's trade accounts for 2% of world merchandise trade, in addition to significant services trade and foreign investment.

The EFTA Secretariat supports the operation of the (1) EFTA Free Trade Area (4 countries), (2) EFTA's participation in the European Economic Area (EEA), which includes the EU (28 countries), and (3) EFTA's network of free trade agreements (15).

The EFTA Secretariat headquarters are in Geneva. It has an important office in Brussels (EEA Affairs) and an office in Luxembourg (Statistics)

#### **About EFTA's Third Country Relations**

EFTA has concluded free trade agreements with Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Tunisia and Turkey. A free trade agreement with the Southern African Customs Union (SACU - Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland) will be signed shortly. Negotiations are currently in progress with Canada, Egypt, the Gulf Co-operation Council, and Thailand. The EFTA States and Indonesia have established a joint group to study the feasibility of a trade agreement. EFTA has concluded joint declarations on co-operation with Albania, Algeria, Egypt, the Gulf Cooperation Council, MERCOSUR, Peru, Serbia and Montenegro as well as the Ukraine.

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