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The Cultural Section at the U.S. Embassy in Lima has been very pleased and honored to sponsor the successful tour of the documentary film *Soy Andina* in Peru, from March 19 to April 13, 2007. The tour generated excellent turnouts in all the screenings as well as the master classes that were part of the program. We are very grateful this program impacted directly in hundreds of people that attended the master classes or the screenings of the movie. There was also ample press coverage, in the print media, in radio and TV interviews, and in the internet.

This extraordinary program visited the cities of Piura, Chiclayo, Trujillo, Lima, Huancayo, Arequipa and Cusco. In all locations, subsequent to the film and dance performances, the public was able to share opinions and speak out about issues the movie raises, such as cultural identity, migration and traditional dances. It was clear from the direct testimony of many attendees that this event touched many people profoundly, and they often spoke movingly of the issues the film and dance raised. The tour was undoubtedly an outstanding instrument to promote mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue among Americans and Peruvians.

This office is devoted to promote cultural interchange between United States and Peru. The *Soy Andina* film and dance have served as an important vehicle in this effort. We are very grateful to you and dancers Cynthia Paniagua and Nelida Silva for your commitment to the preservation and promotion of cultural richness. We are very pleased have partnered with you on this wonderful program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Steven Ramirez".

J. Steven Ramirez
Agregado Cultural Adjunto