

**Opening remarks by Ambassador Liliana de Torres-Muga.  
Seminar on U.S.A.-Peru Diplomatic Relations, organized by  
The American Women's Literary Club.**

**Diplomatic Academy Javier Pérez de Cuéllar**

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Good evening and welcome to all of you!

The Diplomatic Academy Javier Pérez de Cuéllar is pleased to host tonight this Seminar on U.S.A.-Peru Diplomatic Relations, organized by the American Women's Literary Club.

Four speakers were scheduled to participate at the Seminar, among them, doctor Cecilia Pastor de Marchand. Unfortunately and unexpectedly, her beloved husband passed away earlier this month. We are with Cecilia at this difficult time.

Ambassador Luis Marchand was a prominent diplomat and jurist and we have always appreciated his personal and professional values.

Doctor Cecilia Marchand intended to speak about "The Influence of American Women in Shaping Democracy and International Relations, as Viewed by a Peruvian Female Diplomat." It is a relevant subject that we hope she will present in the near future.

The other speakers will be two distinguished Professors of the Diplomatic Academy: Rosa Garibaldi de Mendoza and María Cecilia Rozas.

Rosita will talk about "Emergence and Evolution of the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Department of State." María Cecilia's lecture will be on "Contemporary U.S.A.-Peru Diplomatic Relations."

I have been invited to speak on "Marginalization and Empowerment of Peruvian and American Women in the International Arena." I will try to be short and to the point.

Ms. María Sol Delgado will be the very capable Moderator, so we expect the Seminar to run smoothly.

We thank all of you for your attendance and your important participation.

Muchas gracias.