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Embassy of Peru
To the attention of the ambassador
Mr Gonzalo Gutierrez Reinel
Tervurenlaan 212
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Your letter of:

Your reference:

Our reference:

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Enclosure(s) :

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have taken note of Senasa's tweet of May 31, indicating that it would be possible for the kitten Lee to return to Peru, which pleases me. As you know, the FASFC is looking for a positive solution for this situation. Unfortunately, it is impossible for us to keep Lee in Belgium, as, contrary to our country and despite the major efforts of your country, Peru is not free from rabies.

However, we are yet to receive an official reaction of Senasa to the FASFC's request of June 3 to get an official confirmation that Peru is prepared to accept to take back the kitten and the accompanying conditions.

The only official reaction so far was transmitted by the Belgian embassy in Lima, dating from May 27, referring to an announcement of Ms Angeles of Senasa stating that it would be impossible for Peru to accept the cat.

Given the fact that the Court of First Instance in Antwerp has to render a verdict tomorrow, it is necessary to get a clear confirmation via the official channels before tomorrow morning 9.00 am (local Brussels time).

Yours faithfully,

Denis DUCARME