

# *Health Concerns Were Included in Environment Summit for First Time*

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Lima, December 19 (RHC-Andina) -- The 20th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP20), included the topic "health" for the first time in the conference history, affirmed Peru's Environment minister, Manuel Pulgar-Vidal Friday. The mega conference was held in Lima, Peru on December 1st to the 14th.

The gathering aimed at creating an agreement draft to engage member nations in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. On its last day the text document was agreed.

"The World Health Organization congratulated Peru because the topic health was included for the first time [in a such meeting]," the minister explained.

"In the previous 19 COP editions, the topic had been not addressed, [but] now health and climate change are included in the same debate."

Agreements were reached on: The UN Collaborative Program on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD), gender matters, long-term financing to fight

climate change and a policy about education were underlined by the minister.

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