

IANAS Women for Science Program

The members of the Women for Science of the Inter-American Network of National Academies of Sciences (WfS, IANAS) want to express our deep concern about the death threats received by our colleague, the focal point for Peru, Dr. Ruth Shady Solis and her team, after the complaint made for the invasion of sites in the Caral Archaeological Zone (ZAC).

Dr. Shady Solis, Director of this important archaeological site in Peru, which contains remains of a civilization more than 5000 years old and is a World Heritage Site denounced that - in the midst of the mandatory isolation due to Covid-19-, the site was violated, attacking part of this important archaeological heritage. After this violation of the archaic city, and because of her intervention in its defense, the renowned archaeologist received death threats.

We express our strong rejection of such threats, and we wish to convey our warm support to Dr. Shady Solis, hoping that the local authorities take the necessary measures to preserve the integrity of the researchers and the archaeological heritage.