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Dear Faculty Member,

I am pleased to inform you that the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (SG/OAS) and the Inter-American Institute for Diplomacy (IAID) will jointly hold the *Washington Model of the 38th General Assembly of the OAS* (38th WMOAS) from **April 7 to 11, 2009**. This Model OAS will take place both at OAS Headquarters and in the Fairmont Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The main purpose of the WMOAS is to promote democratic values among the youth of the Hemisphere and to familiarize participants with the current issues facing the Americas, the mission and structure of the OAS, as well as the political, economic, social and security issues of the OAS Member States. To that end, students will meet with their assigned country's diplomatic representative to the OAS at the start of the week; will have OAS specialists available for consultations; and will have the opportunity to meet with their colleagues both from across the United States and the Hemisphere. This event will be particularly beneficial and rewarding for students of political science, international relations, diplomacy, international law, international economics, Latin American and Caribbean studies, government or history.

Information about the objectives and methods of operation, agenda topics, the schedule of events, and hotel booking information will be posted both on the IAID website <http://www.wmoas.org>, and the MOAS website <http://www.moas.oas.org>. While this is a student enterprise, the faculty of participating schools (through the IAID) and the OAS staff play a major role in maintaining the academic and political rigor of the program. The IAID is a non-profit organization founded and staffed by faculty with the sole purpose of co-sponsoring the WMOAS.

Requirements and information for participants:

1. The official language of the 38th WMOAS is English and resolutions and debates are conducted in that language.
2. Each of the 34 Member States of the OAS is represented by a delegation of 10 students.
3. Participating students are required to learn about the OAS functions and its role in the Hemisphere, as well to draft resolutions about specific topics of the inter-American Agenda prior to the Model.
4. At least one faculty advisor must accompany each delegation.
5. Universities attending the WMOAS will pay all of their own costs arising from and relating to their attendance at the Model Assembly and shall also make their own transportation arrangements.

6. Information about group bookings at the Fairmont Hotel can be found at the above mentioned web sites.
7. There is a participation fee of \$US850.00 per university.
8. If a university represents more than one Member State, the university must pay the participation fee for each delegation.
9. As soon as participation fees are received, universities will be informed of their respective country assignments. Every effort will be made to accommodate the stated preferences of universities (as noted on the registration form).
10. Acceptances will be limited to the first thirty-four (34) universities to register and remit participation fees.

The GS/OAS and the IAID are pleased to provide orientation materials to assist those schools preparing for the WMOAS. Please contact either of the following persons if you have any questions about the Model General Assembly:

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For information about the OAS, as well as documents related to the MOAS, please contact:
moas@oas.org.

Should your university be interested in sending a delegation to the 38th Washington MOAS, please complete the registration form posted on the WMOAS web site, and send it to the Inter-American Institute for Diplomacy, Dr. Joan Ardorfer, as per instructions on that form. We look forward to working with you in the up-coming Washington D.C. University Model of the 38th General Assembly of the OAS and appreciate your early attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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