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Dear High Schools' Authorities and Faculty Advisors,

We are pleased to invite your school to participate in the **36<sup>th</sup> Model Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly for High Schools (36<sup>th</sup> MOAS/HS)**, to be held from November 29 to December 1, 2017, at OAS Headquarters in Washington, DC.

The MOAS is a simulation of the OAS General Assembly designed to promote democratic values among the youth by familiarizing students, faculty and academic institutions with the work of the OAS and its Member States. It engages students in an active learning exercise where through role-playing they represent the diplomats and political officials of the OAS Member States. For more details about participating in the MOAS for High Schools, please read the following information:

### Requirements for participation:

- Each of the 34 OAS Member States is represented by a delegation of 10 students, and a Faculty Advisor must accompany each delegation.
- A new online platform has been created to register delegations participating in the 36th MOAS. To access the online registration form, first you need to register in the [OAS platform](#). Then, with your username and password, you will be able to access the [online registration form](#). If you have problems signing in because you forgot your username/password, please visit [this page](#).
- Delegations attend the MOAS/HS on behalf of their high schools. Therefore, when you register, you will need to upload a letter from an authority at each high school (Principal, Vice-Principal, Director or Department Chair) confirming the participation of a delegation from his/her institution, as well as enter the name/s of the Faculty Advisor/s responsible for the delegation. A sample letter is included in the registration system for your convenience.
- The participation fee per delegation is US\$1,200 and includes online access to the MOAS Tutorial. This fee is non-reimbursable.
- As soon as the registration form and the corresponding registration fees are received, high schools will be informed of their assigned country.
- Participation in the Model Assembly will be limited to the first thirty-four (34) high schools that complete their registration documents and participation fee.
- **The deadline for registration is October 16, 2017.** However, the registration process may end earlier if the 34 OAS Member States has already been assigned prior to that date. Payments received after all places have been filled will be returned.



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### Information about participation in the 36<sup>th</sup> MOAS for High Schools:

- All the information about the 36<sup>th</sup> MOAS/HS is being published on the MOAS Web page: [www.moas.oas.org](http://www.moas.oas.org) → "[MOAS High Schools](#)" (click on "36<sup>th</sup> MOAS for High Schools"). All participants are advised to visit this Web page frequently.
- The **Agenda of Topics** will be published on the 36<sup>th</sup> MOAS/HS Web page.
- **The Code of Conduct & List of Participants** information has to be included in the online registration form. This information is not needed at time of registration, however, you will have to upload the Code of Conduct through the registration system with the names and signatures of all participants (advisor please initial each page) by **October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.
- The **contact information for diplomatic representatives** who can provide information about the assigned country will be forwarded to each delegation together with the country assignment.
- **Research material** can be found on the OAS Web page: [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org). All rules and instructions are contained in the "[MOAS Rules of Procedure](#)."
- High Schools attending the MOAS are responsible for covering the costs and making arrangements for their own hotel and transportation, as well as their meals and any other cost arising and relating to their attendance. Please check the **Information Bulletin** (to be published shortly) for information about hotel suggestions, logistics and others while in Washington, D.C.
- We invite you to see the results of last year's 35<sup>th</sup> MOAS/HS, specifically the resolutions adopted, the testimonials from a few of the participants and the Newsletters.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Victoria Abalo, MOAS Program Coordinator at [moas@oas.org](mailto:moas@oas.org), or by telephone at 202-370-5067.

We look forward to the participation of your students in this hands-on experience.

Cordially,

Ambassador Jacinth L. Henry-Martin  
Advisor/Coordinator of the Coordinating Office for the Offices and Units  
of the General Secretariat in the Member States  
Office of the Assistant Secretary General