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May 8, 2006

Dear Faculty Advisor(s):

This is to inform you that the Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly (MOAS) for High Schools, sponsored by the Department of External Relations (DER) of the OAS, will be held from November 29 to December 2, 2006, at the OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C. The MOAS for high schools is a simulation of the OAS General Assembly and its main purpose is to familiarize students with the work and functions of the OAS. At the same time, the MOAS allows the participants to learn about the role played by the OAS in dealing with the current issues affecting the Western Hemisphere. This hands-on experience has been a positive influence in the education of future leaders in the Americas.

Faculty advisors and participants are advised to look for information about this Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly on the MOAS web page (<http://www.moas.oas.org>), where the MOAS Rules of Procedure, the Objectives and Methods of Operation and instructions on all proceedings of the MOAS can be found. Also, all official documents (i.e., agenda topics, schedule of events, etc.) will be posted on the MOAS web page.

The following are the main requirements and information for participants:

- Each of the 34 Member States of the OAS is represented by a delegation of no more than 10 students. A faculty advisor must accompany each delegation.
 - The official language of the Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools is English.
 - Participating high school students are required to draft resolutions prior to the MOAS. Once the Model begins participants lobby for support from other delegations.
 - Debate of the resolution proposals that have gained support is conducted in each of the five MOAS committees.
 - A participation fee of US\$ 800.00 per high school/country delegation is charged.
 - As soon as participation fees are received high schools will be informed of their respective country assignments.
 - Research material can be found on the OAS web page: <http://www.oas.org>.
 - For the purpose of guidance new participants can look at the information posted under last year's 24th Model on the MOAS web page.
 - Participation in the Model Assembly will be limited to the first thirty-four (34) high schools to register and remit participation fees.
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- High Schools attending the Model Assembly are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements, for the costs arising and relating to their attendance at the Model Assembly and for making their own transportation arrangements. The DER will send information about hotel arrangements available to facilitate the participation of your high school in this academic event.
- In order to make the proceedings of the MOAS consistent with the committees of the General Assembly and the Permanent Council, the following changes are being implemented this year regarding the names and themes of the committees:
 - General Committee
 - First Committee: Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs
 - Second Committee: Committee on Hemispheric Security
 - Third Committee: Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities; and Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI)
 - Fourth Committee: Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs
- The List of Topics according to the new committee structure is attached to this letter.

Orientation sessions can be provided to assist those schools preparing to participate for the first time in the MOAS. For further information please contact Ms. Nelly Robinson, Coordinator of the MOAS Program, telephone (202) 458-6897 or at nrobinson@oas.org.

Should your high school be interested in sending a delegation to the Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly, please complete the attached application form and send it with a check or money order in the amount of US\$800.00, payable to the **Model OAS General Assembly** to the address provided. Applications and payments must be received no later than **October 9, 2006**. Checks received after all spaces have been filled will be returned.

We are looking forward to working with you at the upcoming MOAS General Assembly and would appreciate your early attention to this matter.

Cordially,



Irene Klinger
Director
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Encl. Registration Form
List of Topics
Instructions for Preparing Draft Resolutions

**TWENTY-FIFTH MODEL OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS
Washington, D.C. - November 29-December 2, 2006**

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TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE FACULTY ADVISOR OF DELEGATION

_____ Yes, our HIGH SCHOOL will be attending the 25th Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools, to be held from November 29 to December 2, 2006, in Washington, D.C., at OAS headquarters.

Enclosed please find our check/money order No. _____ in the amount of US\$800.00, payable to the **Model OAS General Assembly**, to cover the institutional and individual participation fees.

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

FACULTY ADVISOR(S) NAME(S):

ADVISOR'S SCHOOL PHONE AND FAX NUMBERS:
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ADVISOR'S HOME PHONE AND FAX NUMBERS:
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ADVISOR'S E-MAIL: _____

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

NOTE: Please send this form and your check/money order to the attention of:
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