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Dear Faculty Advisor(s):

This is to inform you that the Twenty-fourth Model OAS General Assembly (MOAS) for High Schools, sponsored by the Department of Communications and External Relations of the OAS, will be held from November 30 to December 3, 2005, at the OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C. The MOAS for high schools is a simulation of the real OAS General Assembly and the only such model to take place at the headquarters of the sponsoring institution. The main purpose of the MOAS is to familiarize students with the work and functions of the OAS and, at the same time, allow the participants to learn about the current issues affecting the western hemisphere and the role played by the OAS in dealing with them. Through this hands-on experience the MOAS program has been a positive influence in the education and formation of future leaders in the Americas.

Requirements and information for participants:

- Each of the 34 member countries of the OAS is represented by a delegation of no more than 10 students. A faculty advisor must accompany each delegation.
- General information regarding the Objectives and Methods of Operation, and the MOAS Rules of Procedure can be found in the MOAS web page at <http://www.oas.org/main/main.asp?sLang=E&sLink=http://www.oas.org/en/pinfo/moas/default.htm>
- The official language of the Twenty-fourth Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools is English. Participating high school students are required to draft resolutions and conduct debate in the official language of the academic exercise.
- 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, the agenda topics, schedule of events and preliminary research materials from the actual documents of the XXXV regular session of the OAS General Assembly, to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, from June 5 to 7, 2005. For the purpose of guidance to new participants, a copy of the program distributed at the previous year's Model Assembly will be also attached. This information will also be posted in the MOAS web page in advance to the Model date.
- Size of OAS facilities is limited, therefore, acceptances for participation in the Model Assembly will be limited to the first thirty-four (34) high schools to register and remit participation fees.
- 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 MOAS Coordination Office will send detailed information on services available to facilitate the participation of your high school in this academic event.

Also, I am glad to inform all new participating high schools that orientation sessions will 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, Office of External Relations, telephone (202) 458-6897 or at nrobinson@oas.org.

Should your high school be interested in sending a delegation to the Twenty-fourth Model OAS General Assembly, please send the completed attached application form 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 should be received no later than **October 4, 2005**. 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,

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