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Dear Faculty Advisor(s):

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Communications and External Relations of the OAS together with the Government of the Dominican Republic, the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) are sponsoring the Twenty-third Model OAS General Assembly (MOAS) for Universities, to be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from March 5 to 10, 2006.

The MOAS for universities is a simulation of the real OAS General Assembly, where the students represent one of the 34 Member States of the OAS and defend their assigned country's policies and interests. 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. This event is open to students from across the Americas and is extremely beneficial and rewarding for students of political science, international relations, diplomacy, international law, international economics, Latin American and Caribbean studies, government or history.

Requirements and information for participants:

1. The 23rd MOAS will be held in two of the OAS official languages: Spanish and English. The approach will be to hold **two** (2) committees in **English** and **three** (3) committees in **Spanish** (For information on the Committees please see item No. 10 below).
2. Only the Plenary Sessions will have simultaneous interpretation services in English and Spanish.
3. The Plenary resolutions and the final documents will be translated into English and Spanish.
4. Documents from the five committees will be issued in the language used by each committee.
5. Each of the 34 Member States of the OAS is represented by a delegation of 10 students. Four (4) members from each delegation must be able to communicate and write in English; the other six must be able to communicate and write in Spanish (as per item No. 1, above).
6. Participating students are required to draft resolutions and conduct debate in the official language of their respective committees.
7. Each delegation can bring an additional student in charge of Public Relations (must be bilingual English/Spanish)
8. At least one faculty advisor must accompany each delegation.

9. A participation fee of US\$ 800.00 per delegation is charged.
10. General information regarding the Objectives and Methods of Operation, and the MOAS Rules of Procedure can be found on our MOAS web page: <http://www.oas.org/main/english/> go to “**Outreach**” and click on “**Model General Assembly**.”

Attached to this letter you will find the following materials:

- *Registration Form*
- *Contact information sheet*
- *List of Topics* for the 23rd University MOAS
- *Informative Bulletin*
- *Code of Conduct*, to be signed by each participant, and sent along with the Registration Form and the check

Delegations attending the Model Assembly are responsible for their costs related to travel, lodging and meals during their attendance to the Model Assembly. In order to obtain better prices for lodging and meals our counterpart in the Dominican Republic has negotiated group rates with several hotels through a travel agency (see Informative Bulletin).

Should your university be interested in sending a delegation to the Twenty-third 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 in the Registration Form (attached). Payments can also be made to the National OAS offices (please see the “Information Bulletin”). Applications and payments should be received no later than **January 27, 2006**. As soon as participation fees are received universities will receive information on their respective country assignments, and preliminary research materials from the actual documents of the 35th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly, held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from June 5 to 7, 2005.

The schedule of events, the program and detailed information on services available for this Model will be posted on:

- The MOAS web page under "23rd UNIVERSITY MOAS."
- UNA-DR web page for this MOAS: <http://www.unadr.org/moea>

Please see the attached contact information sheet with the names of the persons/entities to contact regarding specific inquiries. Orientation sessions can be provided to assist those universities 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.

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

Cordially,

Irene Klinger
 Director
 Department of Communications and External Relations

TWENTY-THIRD MODEL OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR UNIVERSITIES
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
March 5-10, 2006

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TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE FACULTY ADVISOR OF EACH DELEGATION

_____ Yes, our UNIVERSITY will be attending the 23rd Model OAS General Assembly for Universities, to be held from March 5-10, 2006, in Santo Domingo.

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.

UNIVERSITY: _____

FACULTY ADVISOR(S) NAME(S): _____

ADVISOR'S OFFICE 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, **no later than January 27, 2006**, to the attention of:

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CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET**Department of Communications and External Relations of the OAS**

- **Irene Klinger, Director**

MOAS Program, Office of External Relations and Resource Mobilization:

For: Information on training and research materials, registration; questions about assigned countries and topics, committees and documents; contacts with Permanent Missions to the OAS MOAS authorities and faculty members; contacts with OAS experts, press information and accreditation.

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For: Administrative information.

Name: Bernadine George, Secretary MOAS Program

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OAS National Office in the Dominican Republic:

For: General information on registration, contacts, training in the Dominican Republic, OAS documents.

Name: Dr. Bertha Santoscoy, Office Director

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United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-RD):

For: Training sessions in the Dominican Republic; customs and immigration questions; press information; logistics information, etc.

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