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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM*

BOOK LAUNCH:
Introducción al Derecho Internacional del Medio Ambiente
(Introduction to International Environmental Law)
Gabriela Mistral Room
October 12th, 2012
10:00 a.m.

Background and Context:

The environment and natural resources do not recognize borders. International, hemispheric, and bilateral cooperation in environmental matters is thus paramount for addressing such cross-border issues as climate change, biodiversity loss, and the contamination of water. In this context, German Vera Esquivel's work, *Introducción al Derecho Internacional del Medio Ambiente (Introduction to International Environmental Law)* is pertinent, useful and necessary. The book offers an overview of International Environmental Law, touching on its history, conceptual framework, main stakeholders, and current issues that must be addressed. This book is an important reference for obtaining an understanding of the foundations and effective application of International Environmental Law as well as its theoretical evolution in Latin America.

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10:00 **WELCOME REMARKS**
- *Claudia de Windt, Chief ,Environmental Law, Policy, and Good Governance, Department of Sustainable Development*

10:15 **INTRODUCTION TO THE AUTHOR**
- *Raul Salazar, Alternate Representative, Permanent Mission of Peru to the OAS*

10:30 **ABOUT THE BOOK**
- *Germán Vera Esquivel, Introducción al Derecho Internacional del Medio Ambiente*

10:45 **DONATION OF THE BOOK TO THE COLUMBUS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

10:50 **CLOSING REMARKS**

* This event will be held in Spanish without translation.