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Dear Professor Loretta Ortiz Ahlf,

On behalf of the Columbia Society of International Law and Columbia Law School's International and Comparative Law Faculty, we are honored to invite you to participate as a panelist for this year's Friedmann Conference on Tuesday, April 8th, 2008.

The Friedmann Conference is held annually in memory of Columbia Law School Professor Wolfgang Friedmann, who was respected for his extraordinary commitment to the practical realization of an international rule of law. The theme of this year's Conference is "Reform and Challenges Confronting Regional Human Rights Regimes." We are confident that your expertise in human rights law would provide an invaluable contribution to our discussion.

The Friedmann Award, given annually by the *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of international law. This year, the award will be presented to Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade, a former President and Vice President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Judge Cançado Trindade also served as the Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, as well the Brazilian Delegate to a number of UN Conferences. Judge Cançado Trindade has acted as a Judicial Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Brazil, has served as a member of the Jurists Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS) for Nicaragua (1993-1994), and is a Permanent Member of the International Law Institute.

The Friedmann Conference will take place at Columbia Law School on April 8th, 2008. We would be honored if you could attend the Conference and participate as a Panelist. It will begin with a lunch at noon, to be followed by three panel discussions. The event will conclude with the Friedmann Award banquet in the evening. Given your expertise, we would be privileged if you would speak on the on the "Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court" panel, with Judge Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade moderating.

Your expertise would be invaluable to the students, practitioners, and other distinguished Conference attendees. We are also sure that Judge Cançado Trindade would appreciate your contribution to the Conference, and to the promotion of human rights law and education.

This year as you know, the Friedmann Conference will be held in conjunction with a conference sponsored by the Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute entitled "The United States and the Inter-American Human Rights System." That event will be held the day before the Friedmann Conference, April 7th 2008.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us for the Friedmann Conference. If you have any questions about the conference or your participation as a panelist, please contact us. You can reach Elena Hassan, Friedmann Conference Co-Chair, by telephone at (732) 861-7227 or by email at elena.hassan@law.columbia.edu.

Very truly yours,

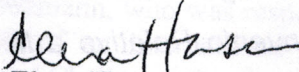


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