SECOND ANNUAL PFA FORUM: ARMENIA-DIASPORA RELATIONS

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Moderator: Dr. Noubar Afeyan, Managing Partner and CEO, Flagship Ventures; and MIT

Opening Keynote Address: Dr. Daniel Kaufmann, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution

Presentation of the Report: PFA Team Members

Discussants:

Dr. Rouben Shougarian, former Ambassador of Armenia in the U.S., Tufts University, USA

Dr. Hratch Tchilingirian, Associate Director, Eurasia Program,Cambridge University, UK

Dr. Razmik Panossian, Director of Policy and Planning; Rights and Democracy, Canada

Where: The Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC

When: 7:30—10:00 PM. Cocktail reception to follow.

Day 2: Monday, March 1, 2010

Young Professionals Forum: Armenia-Diaspora Relations

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

8:30-9:00 Registration and Coffee
9:00—9:30 Opening address

9:30—11:00 Young Professional Session I

Moderator: Dr. Zaven Kalayjian, Johns Hopkins University and PFA

Speakers: Arpi Beglaryan, Slavonic University of Armenia
Armenia-Turkey Protocols: Benefits and Drawbacks
Jennifer de Mucci, Fordham University
Pouring Salt on Old Wounds: Psychological Impact of the Protocols
Tamar Palandjian, George Mason University
Interest-based Analysis of the Protocol-related Armenia-Diaspora Rift
Henry Dumanian, City University of New York
The Diaspora and Democracy in the Homeland

11:00—11:30 Coffee break

11:30—1:00 Young Professional Session II

Moderator: Professor Susan Karamanian, George Washington University Law School

Speakers: Dzovinar Derderian, Georgetown University and PFA
Democracy in Armenia and Diaspora-Armenia Relations
Ted Tourian, Burgh, Balian & Bergstein, LLP and PFA
The Accountability of Diaspora Organizations to Armenians
Hayk Sargsyan, Johns Hopkins University and PFA

Relations Between Armenia and Its Diaspora: A Comparative Perspective
Vahe Heboyan, University of Georgia and PFA
20 Years of Economic Engagement: Rethinking Values and Approaches

1:00—2:00 Luncheon

Luncheon Keynote Address: Raffi Hovannisian, First Foreign Minister of Armenia; Founder, Heritage Party

2:00—4:00 Senior Professional Session I

Moderator: Dr. Noubar Afeyan, Flagship Ventures and MIT

Speakers: Professor Ara Sanjian, University of Michigan, Dearborn, USA
Viken Attarian, Lecturer, AGBU Montreal Arm. Studies Program, CANADA
Ara Papian, fmr. Ambassador of Armenia in Canada, Modus Vivendi Center
Larisa Alaverdyan, MP, National Assembly, Heritage Faction, ARMENIA
Hranoush Hakobyan, Minister of Diaspora Affairs, ARMENIA

4:00—4:30 Coffee break

4:30—6:30 Senior Professional Session II

Moderator: Professor Catherine Kessedjian, Pantheon-Assas University, Paris, FRANCE

Speakers: Artsvik Minasyan, MP, National Assembly, ARF Faction, ARMENIA
Igor Muradian, Institute of Geopolitics and Geoeconomics, ARMENIA
Professor Khachig *Tölölyan*, Wesleyan University, USA
Professor Onnig Beylerian, Université du Québec à Montréal, CANADA

8:00—10:00 Cocktail Reception at Marriott Georgetown, Washington, DC

Special Guest Ambassador Sergey Kapinos, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Armenia Office

indicates “invited.”

Day 3: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

10:00—1:00 Thematic Discussions for Young Professionals

Concurrent thematic discussions among young professionals (YPs) will be held on the following broadly defined topics:

- Economics and development;
- Legal issues and the rule of law;
- Journalism and freedom of expression;
- International relations and geopolitics;
- Community building and social change.

The objective of these thematic meetings is to allow the YPs to discuss alternative mechanisms for more effective Armenia-Diaspora engagement in their particular area by building on the proceedings of Days 1-2 of the Forum. Each individual group is expected to produce minutes of the discussions summarizing their findings to be posted on PFA's website.

The discussions will be held at relevant agencies and organizations across Washington that will be announced shortly. Participation in each of the above thematic groups is limited, therefore early applications are encouraged. Speakers/presenters at the YP Sessions I-II from Day 2 of the Forum will be automatically accepted. To apply, please email forum@pf-armenia.org and mention "Day 3" in the subject line.

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