



TRIUMVIRATE



**The only North American model parliament
from the 20th to the 25th of May 2007 in Washington D.C.**

**L'unique simulation interparlementaire de l'Amérique du Nord
du 20 au 25 mai 2007 à Washington D.C.**

**La única simulación parlamentaria de América del Norte
del 20 al 25 de mayo del 2007 en Washington D.C**





A Welcoming Word from Christine Fréchette
President and founder of the
North American Forum on Integration (NAFI)

Dear Participants,

The North American Forum on Integration (NAFI) welcomes you with great pleasure to the third edition of the Triumvirate. We are honoured to have the Inter-American Development Bank and American University, two prestigious co-sponsors, involved in the organization of the event. NAFI wishes to thank our co-sponsors for their support and dedication to making this third edition a success.

Still today, the challenges facing North America vary greatly between different social spheres. Thus, we may ask ourselves if big businesses have, over the years, developed strategies adapted to the existence of a North American market. The North American governments, on their part, have been involved in trilateral dialogues since the launching of the *Security and Prosperity partnership* initiative in 2005.

Legislators on the other hand have remained distant from this trilateral tendency, refusing to establish a dialogue with their NAFTA counterparts. In this regard, the Triumvirate offers a first opportunity to visualise a North American parliament assembly.

Furthermore, very few universities have established centers or programs dedicated to the study of North America. The Triumvirate, however, offers many students the unique opportunity to experience North America as well as to learn about and cultivate its great ambitions.

We invite you to dive into economic, political, social and environmental debates, via the creation of a customs union, telecommunications, human trafficking and water management themes, for a week.

We wish you a fruitful experience and hope this opportunity will allow you to develop important networks and friendships for the years to come!

We wish you all a constructive and rich Triumvirate!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Christine Fréchette'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Christine Fréchette



Welcome from the Vice-president of International Affairs
Professor and Director of the Center for North American Studies
American University
Co-sponsor of the Triumvirate

Dear Participants:

On behalf of the Center for North American Studies and American University, I am pleased to welcome Triumvirate 2007, the first model North American Parliament for its first meeting in Washington, D.C. We are proud to work with the North American Forum on Integration (NAFI) and the Inter-American Development Bank in co-hosting this meeting.

When the heads of government of Canada, Mexico, and the United States meet, all three leaders recognize the importance of their neighbors and therefore pretend that relations among the governments are better than they are. They talk of “progress” toward the goals that they have outlined in the “Security and Prosperity Partnership”, but the truth is that relations have deteriorated in the past five years, and there has been little progress and considerable retreat on the fundamental economic, social, and security issues that define the continental agenda.

The Triumvirate offers an opportunity to grasp North America’s problems and opportunities by a new generation of leaders. You can shed the caution of our current leaders and propose a new and bold vision for our three countries. In Washington, I hope that all of you will debate vigorously the difficult questions, define a vision of a “North American Community,” and pass resolutions that will point the way for all three countries to forge a unique relationship and solve the pressing issues of security, immigration, the borders, and declining competitiveness.

You, the new generation of North American leaders, have the opportunity to take the lead in making North America the most dynamic region in the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rob A. Pastor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. Robert A. Pastor
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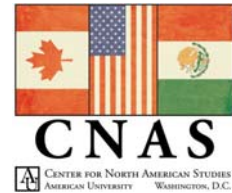
❖❖ Participating universities ❖❖

NAFI would like to thank all participating universities for their interest and participation in this innovative project, the Triumvirate. We are particularly proud to have brought together delegates from eighteen North American universities this year.

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Our co-sponsors, partners and collaborators' generous contributions and precious support have allowed the Triumvirate to materialize. We thank them for this and would like to add that their assistance will permit many young North Americans to engage themselves more, becoming active and responsible citizens.

❖❖ Co-sponsors ❖❖



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❖❖ Triumvirate – Schedule ❖❖

	Sunday May 20	Monday May 21 IDB	Tuesday May 22 American University	Wednesday May 23 American University	Thursday May 24 IDB	Friday May 25 IDB
9:00-10:00		NAFI Information session EVI Conference Center Auditorium 1330 New York Avenue A3 (basement) level	Caucus per country Ward Building Terrace Level USA : room 3 Canada: room 4 México: room 5	Caucus per country Ward Building Terrace Level USA : room 3 Canada: room 4 México: room 5	Caucus per country 1330 New York Avenue USA: EVI Conference Center Auditorium A3 (basement) level Canada: CR2 A México: CR2 B (2 nd floor, IDB conference center)	Caucus per country 1330 New York Avenue USA: EVI Conference Center Auditorium A3 (basement) level Canada: CR2 A México: CR2 B (2 nd floor, IDB conference center)
10:00-11:00						
11:00-1:00		Caucus per country 1330 New York Avenue USA: EVI Conference Center Auditorium A3 (basement) level Canada: CR2 A México: CR2 B (2 nd floor, IDB conference center)	4 political commissions Ward Building Terrace Level HT: room 3 CU: room 4 TEL: room 5 WM : room 6	4 political commissions Ward Building Terrace Level HT: room 3 CU: room 4 TEL: room 5 WM : room 6	Plenary session Presentation of the commissions' resolutions EVI Conference Center Auditorium 1330 New York Avenue	Plenary session Votes on the final resolutions EVI Conference Center 1330 New York Avenue
Lunch 1:00-2:30		Arrival of participants Lunch Conference with President Luis Alberto Moreno, Inter-American Development Bank Las Americas Dining Room 7 th floor of the 1300 New York Avenue Main building	Lunch Conference with Dr. Roy B. Norton, Congressional, Public & Intergovernmental Relations Minister, Canadian Embassy and Amb. Julian Ventura, Deputy Chief of Mission, Mexican Embassy Butler Board Room Hallway	Lunch Conference with Robert A. Pastor, Ph.D. Director of the Center for North American Studies, American University Butler Board Room Hallway	Lunch Conference with Eric Marquis, Director of the Québec Government Office in Washington, D.C. Las Americas Dining Room 7 th floor of the 1300 New York Avenue Main building	Lunch at Las Americas Dining Room 7 th floor of the 1300 New York Avenue main building Followed by a presentation of Alex Quinto students artwork
2:30-3:00		Election of political commission presidents CU and TEL: EVI Conference Center Auditorium A3 (basement level)	Press conference (2:30 – 2:50) 4 political commissions Ward Building Terrace Level	Press conference (2:30 – 2:50) 4 political commissions Ward Building Terrace Level	Information session on procedures EVI Conference Center Auditorium Location: 1330 New York Avenue A3 (basement) level	Plenary session Current events debate Award Ceremony EVI Conference Center Auditorium 1330 New York Avenue A3 (basement) level
3:00-3:30		HT: CR2 A WM: CR2 B (2 nd floor of the IDB conference center)	HT: room 3 CU: room 4 TEL: room 5 WM : room 6	HT: room 3 CU: room 4 TEL: room 5 WM : room 6	Press conference (3:00 – 3:20) Lobbying USA: EVI Conference Center Auditorium A3 (basement) level Canada : CR2 A	
3:30-4:30	City Tour	Plenary session				

4:30-6:00	3:30 – 6:00 Participant registration 6:30 – 8:30	EVI Conference Center Auditorium			México : CR2B	
6:00-Evening	Welcoming Cocktail with Dr. Stephen Blank, Chair of NAFI's Board of Directors, Location: School of International Service (7:30 to 8:30)	Dinner	Dinner The North American Marketplace Forum (optional) 7:00 to 8:30	Dinner	Dinner	Visit around the Capitol Complex (optional) Dinner

❖❖ Rules to be followed at AU and the IDB ❖❖

1. Your identification tags should be visible at all times. You need these tags to be admitted into the AU and IDB conference rooms. Have a picture id with you at all times.
2. You are responsible for any damage caused to the equipment that will be made available to you in AU as well as in the IDB.
3. Smoking is not permitted inside the buildings.
4. No food or drinks are permitted inside the AU and IDB conference rooms.
5. Participants must be appropriately dressed in the conference rooms (business attire).
6. No cellular phones are allowed in the IDB.
7. Report any lost or found items to AU and IDB Security.
8. Please be on time!
9. Please refer to American University's Code of Conduct for Residence regulations.

❖❖ Introduction to the Draft Resolutions ❖❖

PROYECTO DE RESOLUCIÓN SOBRE LA GESTIÓN DEL AGUA LIMÍTROFE

Considerando que los recursos hídricos son inherentes al ser humano e indispensables al progreso social y económico de las sociedades;

Deseando proceder por el bienestar y la prosperidad de los ciudadanos de América del Norte;

Deseosos de que los Estados de América del Norte contribuyan al logro de los objetivos fijados en el marco de la declaración del Milenio de la Organización de Naciones Unidas ;

Inspirados en la declaración de la ONU, la cual reconoce el derecho al agua potable y al saneamiento;

Conscientes que los niveles de consumo del agua en América del Norte son de los más elevados a nivel mundial;

Sabiendo que las intervenciones de un Estado en materia ambiental pueden impactar el equilibrio del medio ambiental del Estado vecino;

Reconociendo la heterogénea distribución de los recursos hídricos, así como los desafíos que algunas regiones de América del Norte deben enfrentar para satisfacer las necesidades de uso y goce del agua;...

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Realizing the scope and magnitude of human trafficking, particularly in North America;

Reaffirming North America's desire to ban all types of slavery, sexual or labour related;

Considering the violation of women, men and more particularly children's rights;

Convinced that all individuals implicated in the organization and exploitation of human trafficking must be severely punished;

Joining the universal fight against human trafficking and considering that a North American approach is necessary;

Considering that the United States of Mexico, the United States of America and Canada have signed and ratified the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;

Reaffirming North America's commitment to the implementation and respect of fundamental human rights;...

PROYECTO DE RESOLUCIÓN COMISIÓN SOBRE LAS TELECOMUNICACIONES EN NORTEAMÉRICA

Considerando la evolución de las telecomunicaciones como un elemento clave para el desarrollo económico de América del Norte;

Habiendo observado ciertas dificultades económicas, sociales y tecnológicas, en la actual situación de las telecomunicaciones norteamericanas que retrasan el progreso de las naciones de la región;

Conscientes de la necesidad de tomar medidas para hacer de las telecomunicaciones norteamericanas las mas avanzadas del mundo;

Contemplando el acceso a las nuevas tecnologías de la información y la comunicación como un derecho de los ciudadanos de la región;

Convencidos de la correlación positiva existente entre la evolución de las telecomunicaciones norteamericanas y los progresos en la integración de las sociedades de la región; ...

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTH AMERICAN COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF

In the spirit of trade liberalization, freedom and prosperity, the present draft resolution aims to establish a Common External Tariff in North America.

A North American Common External Tariff (NACET) will allow the elimination of the Rules of Origin necessary under the NAFTA framework. Rules of Origin considerably restrain trade and prevent Nations from maximizing their economic development and competitiveness. These rules put considerable financial and administrative burden on the private sector and consumers, preventing the North American partnership to fully achieve its potential. Rules of Origin also drain considerable resources from States who need to put in place an important administrative and legal framework to ensure their application.

By affecting the free flow of goods between Canada, the United States and Mexico, Rules of Origin dispel the harmonization of the North American industrial configuration and disallow the optimization of our Nations' economic potential. The removal of Rules of Origin is hence essential to the prosperity and welfare of the North American continent.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, however, free circulation of goods and national border security became even more interdependent and more essential components of North America's prosperity. Therefore, implementing measures to free trade and integrate our Nation's economies without jeopardizing their sovereignty and security has become a major objective in the continuing process of North American integration.

The legislators of Canada, the United States and Mexico, deeply convinced that prosperity and wealth will flourish in our societies through further economic integration in North America, are committed to implementing the measures in response to the aforementioned challenges...

❖❖ For their essential contribution ❖❖

NAFI would like to thank the people who believed in, supported and invested themselves in this cutting edge adventure. The following list, although incomplete, shows that this project is a group effort.

- Our thanks to Dr. Robert A. Pastor for his support, for having American university co-host the event as well as for having allowed NAFI to benefit from the collaboration with the *Center for North American Studies* team.
- Our thanks to James McHugh, Anthony S. Elmo and Maria Pahigiannis of the *Center for North American Studies* for their dedication, efforts and energy in the logistic organization of the event in AU.
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- Thank you to Alex Quinto for giving the Triumvirate a touch of originality, by asking his design students to elaborate and create art inspired by the simulation's themes.
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- A special thanks to Marlon Brown for accepting to chair the assembly of the Triumvirate and for giving the delegates a tour of Washington DC.
- Also a thank you to Mme Paola Limón for accepting the role of Deputy speaker to the assembly of the Triumvirate
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*The Triumvirate is a truly commendable initiative,
and one of that promises to build understanding among the 'successor generations'
of our two countries and Mexico"*

*David H. Wilkins
Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada*



*On Monday I was thinking as an American;
on Wednesday, as a Mexican
and on Friday, as a North American.*

*José Rodríguez
Arizona University
2006 Triumvirate delegate representing Mexico*



*The North America vision you want, must not have limits.
The purpose is to go beyond everything that stops societies' progress.
The aim is to establish cooperation and shared responsibility between our three nations.*

*Senador Enrique Jackson
Presidente de la Comisión permanente del Congreso Mexicano*

