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❖❖❖ OUR PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES ❖❖❖

NAFI would like to thank the fifteen participating universities for their commitment and interest in the Triumvirate. In doing so, they contribute to the development of knowledge of their students on key political and economic issues and promote networking among scholars in North America.



WELCOMING WORD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NORTH AMERICAN FORUM ON INTEGRATION

Dear delegates,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Montreal. The North American Forum on Integration has been organizing the Triumvirate for four years now, but for the first time, the event takes place in the city where NAFI was born. We hope you enjoy and discover the charms of the cosmopolitan metropolis that is Montreal.

NAFI is particularly pleased to receive precious support from Montreal City Hall and McGill University, which will both host a part of the Triumvirate. We thank them for their efforts in ensuring the success of this initiative.

I would also like to thank the speakers, teachers and counselors that have agreed to assist the delegates in their discussions and reflections throughout the week of activities. Thanks also to Celine Roche-Crespo for her renewed and sustained commitment in organizing the Triumvirate, as well as to the project managers who in recent months have contributed to the success of this event.

This year, it is particularly interesting to have the Triumvirate take place while the race for the American presidency is heating up and the lively debate on whether or not NAFTA should be the object of change is ongoing. Regardless of the results, you will end the week with a series of ideas that could or should be implemented in order to enhance North American development.

Until then, I invite you to dive into the heart of the Triumvirate economic, political, social and environmental debates which are that of the stimulation of renewable electricity markets, Corporate Outsourcing, the Western hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) and NAFTA's Chapter 11.

NAFI wishes you a fruitful experience and hopes this opportunity will allow you to deepen your knowledge and forge new North American friendships.

Have a great Triumvirate!



Le Maire de Montréal



The City of Montreal is pleased to welcome university students from Canada, the United States and Mexico to the fourth edition of the Triumvirate, held by the North American Forum on Integration (NAFI). A vehicle for reflection and dialogue, this model parliament – which will take place in the council chamber at Montreal City Hall – is expected to help you better understand the issues surrounding the implementation of NAFTA.

As a City of knowledge and innovation, Montreal is all the more pleased to host this event. It is home to four universities – two francophone and two anglophone – as well as three major higher-education institutions, with a total student population of 160,000, of whom 17,000 come from other countries. The model parliament in which you will be taking part is therefore an excellent example of this openness to the rest of the world – an openness founded on the free exchange of ideas and on freedom of movement, transcending national and cultural borders.

This model parliament undoubtedly presents you with an opportunity to enjoy an exceptional experience that will place you at the heart of debates addressing North American integration, while also building your awareness of the importance of our democratic institutions. You will discover that democracy is a challenging but exciting exercise that draws on both your values and your persuasive powers, within the parameters of your rights and responsibilities as a citizen.

I wish you every success as you begin your work during this edition of the Triumvirate.

Have a good session!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gerald Tremblay".

Gérald Tremblay



Ville de Montréal

Bureau du président du conseil



The future of democracy will be assured so long as young people invest their time, energy and heart in activities such as the mock North American parliament in which you have chosen to participate enthusiastically.

In its concern with ensuring the continuity of its parliamentary institutions, the Ville de Montréal continually seeks ways to interest young people in its municipal affairs. Twenty years ago now, it created a *Jeune Conseil* to introduce young people to parliamentary debate and the democratic process. The City has created a *Conseil jeunesse*, made up of 15 members aged 16 to 30, which is responsible for providing opinions on all issues affecting young people and for ensuring their concerns are addressed in decisions taken by the Administration.

I am therefore very pleased to welcome to the Ville de Montréal Council Chambers a group of young people from the three NAFTA-member countries who will share their commitment to democracy while exploring the issues of North American integration.

City council chairman and
Borough Mayor, Montréal-Nord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcel Parent".

Marcel Parent

❖❖❖ SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK ❖❖❖

	Sunday May 25 Hotel Marriott	Monday May 26 Hotel Marriott & City Hall	Tuesday May 27 McGill	Wednesday May 28 McGill	Thursday May 29 City hall	Friday May 30 City hall
7:00-8:00		Breakfast (7:00 to 8:15) Hotel Marriott	Breakfast (7:00 to 8:15) Hotel Marriott	Breakfast (7:00 to 8:15) Hotel Marriott	Breakfast (7:00 to 8:15) Hotel Marriott	
8:00-9:00						Conference with Gilles Duceppe Leader of the Bloc Québécois (8:00 to 9:00) Hotel Marriott Victoria Alexandra room
9:00 10:00		NAFI Information session Victoria Alexandra	Caucus per country Arts W-220: US Caucus Arts W-5: Mexican Caucus Arts 230: Canadian Caucus	Caucus per country Arts W-220: US Caucus Arts W-5: Mexican Caucus Arts 230: Canadian Caucus	Caucus per country Giorgio: USA caucus Hospitality suite: Mexican caucus City Hall: Canada caucus	Caucus per country Giorgio: USA caucus Hospitality suite: Mexican caucus City Hall: Canada caucus
10:00 10:30			4 political commissions Arts W-220 WHTI Arts W-5: Délocalisations Arts 350: Chapter 11 Arts 230: Electricity	4 political commissions Arts W-220 WHTI Arts W-5: Délocalisations Arts 350: Chapter 11 Arts 230: Electricity	Plenary session in the City Hall	Plenary session in the City Hall Votes on amendments followed by Votes on the final resolution reports
10:30 11:30		Caucus per country Victoria Alexandra A US Victoria Alexandra B Mexico Hospitality Suite Canada				
11:30 12:00		Political commission 11:30-12:00 : Victoria Alexandra A Electricity Victoria Alexandra B Délocalisations 12:00-12:30 Victoria Alexandra A WHTI Victoria Alexandra B Chapter 11			Conference with Former Quebec Premier Pierre Marc Johnson	
12:00 12:30		Lunch Conference with former Triumvirate Delegates Annie Mathieu, Jorge Rave, Éléonore Bernier-Hamel and Akram Saidy Auberge St Gabriel/Mariott Hotel	Lunch Conference with Prof. Earl Fry , University of Brigham Young "Is the Canada- Mexico-US Relationship at a Crossroads?" Best Western Hotel, 3407, Peel Street	Free Lunch		
12:30 13:30						
13:30 2:00		Plenary session in the City Hall	Press Conference	Press Conference	Press conference	Plenary session in the City Hall Current events debate and vote on current event resolutions Award ceremony
2:00 2:15						
2:15 2:35	Participants' Registration on the Mezzanine (4:30 – 6:00)		4 political commissions Arts W-220 WHTI Arts W-5:	4 political commissions Arts W-220 WHTI Arts W-5:	Information session in the City Hall	
2:35 2:55					Lobbying session	

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4:30 5:30	Participants registration (4:30 to 6:00)	Dinner*			Conference with Dr. Ruby Dhalla Liberal MP (Brampton- Springdale) City Hall	Cocktail on the Montreal City Hall Terrace
5:30 6:00						
6:00 Evening	Welcoming Word Hotel Marriott (6:00 to 7:30) Victoria Alexandra room		Dinner*	Dinner* 7:00 : Deadline for current events resolutions & Deadline for Resolution as amended by the political commission	Dinner* 8:30: Deadline for submission of amendments	End of the Triumvirate program

* Not included in the registration fee

❖❖❖ OUR GUEST SPEAKERS ❖❖❖



*Prof. **Earl H. Fry**, Tuesday, May 27, at 12:30, at the Best Western Hotel, 3407, Peel Street*

M. Fry is a professor of political science and Canadian studies at Brigham Young University. His work focused on economic development, regional and international commerce in Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America. He will discuss the following: Is Canada-U.S.-Mexico Relationship at a Crossroads?



*Dr. **Ruby Dhalla**, Thursday, May 29, at 16:30, at the Montreal City Hall*

As a community activist, doctor, and entrepreneur, Dr. Dhalla is the youngest woman in Canadian Parliament and currently serves as the Official Opposition Critic for Social Development. She also deals with Canada-US matters as a member of the Canada-US interparliamentary group. Dr. Dhalla also recognizes her responsibility in reaching out to young Canadians and promoting youth participation in the political process.



*Mr. **Pierre Marc Johnson**, May 29, at 12:30 at the restaurant “Les 3 Brasseurs” 105 Saint-Paul Street East*

Ex-Premier of Quebec, Mr. Johnson is a lawyer and chief negotiator for the government of Quebec in the ongoing softwood lumber trade dispute with the United States. He was also an advisor to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). His publications include "The Environment and NAFTA – Understanding and Implementing the New Continental Law."



*Mr. **Gilles Duceppe**, May 30, at 8:00 am, at the Marriott SpringHill Suites*

Mr. Duceppe, MP is a Quebec nationalist and social democratic politician in Canada. He is a Member of Parliament in the Canadian House of Commons and the leader of the Bloc Québécois, the party advocating Quebec sovereignty. With regards to North American relations, Mr. Duceppe is notably in favour of the creation of a North American Development Fund, in addition to NAFTA.



*Mr. **Jack Layton**, May 30, at 12:30, at “Les 3 Brasseurs”, 105 St-Paul Street East*

Mr. Layton, PhD is a social democrat Canadian politician and current leader of Canada's New Democratic Party. He is a former city councilor and deputy mayor of Toronto, Ontario. Known for his critical views of NAFTA, he recently said on CNN: 'We think NAFTA is not working well for working families and the middle class'. Mr Layton will discuss the following: “A better future for working families: Rethinking the North American Free Trade Agreement”.



NAFI ACTIVITIES

THE TRIUMVIRATES

Triumvirate 2005: Canadian Senate, Ottawa
Triumvirate 2006: Mexican Senate, Mexico city
Triumvirate 2007: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
& American University, Washington, DC.
Triumvirate 2008: Montreal City Hall and McGill University

- *Triumvirate 2009 ? Mexico!*

WEB ACTIVITIES

- *On line consultation on political and economic North American issues*
- *NAFTA Timeline and information on North American political and economic issues*
- *Analytical interviews on the 2008 U.S presidential campaign (in French)*
- *And a group on Facebook (FINA-NAFI Triumvirate)*

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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS EXCERPTS

FOSTERING RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY MARKETS IN NORTH AMERICA

Renewable electricity is derived from unlimited energy sources such as the sun, wind, water, nuclear, biomass and heat from the Earth's interior.

Renewable electricity markets are becoming more and more important in today's North American societies especially when this particular way of transforming energy sources aims at reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) which acts positively against climate change. There is tremendous opportunity for renewable electricity to meet an increasing proportion of the North American electricity market.

The rising price of oil in international markets has been a crucial factor in terms of 'stimulating' renewable electricity markets. This gives potential suppliers economic credibility, having therefore economic benefits beyond environmental gains.

Some of us have adopted mandatory targets for the purchase/production of renewable electricity. Others have adopted a voluntary approach for governmental agencies and large corporations. We consider that the time has come to deepen our collective effort and strengthen our actions in order to make of our region a leader in the global challenge we face to limit the impact of our energy consumption on climate change and increase our energy security in diversifying our energy portfolio.

North American legislators consider that there is room for improvement. Effective public policies need to be more widely implemented to foster the use of renewable electricity...

THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE

North American border management faces major challenges, particularly because Canada and the United States share the longest undefended border in the world, stretching more than 8,891 km, while the US-Mexico border extends over more than 3,141 km. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11 in the United States, the American government decided to put measures in place to better protect the United States from terrorist threats.

In April 2005, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the State Department announced the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). This law requires all travellers to and from the Americas (including Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America), the Caribbean and Bermuda to present a passport or other acceptable document or combination of documents when entering or re-entering the United States in order to confirm their identity.

Trade within NAFTA is estimated at about \$650 billion annually, and 75% of it is conducted by land routes. On average, 300 million people cross North American borders annually. It is also estimated that more than 30% of those without passports will be less likely to cross a border if a passport is required. This represents a potential decrease of 22 million travellers. Such a change could have a major economic impact on each of the North American countries. Losses of an estimated \$3.2 billion and \$2.2 billion could occur in Canada and the United States respectively. In addition, 95,000 jobs would be at risk in Mexico as a result of this measure.

The present draft resolution aims to foster a balance between security needs and economic development. It aims to propose amendments to the WHTI so that it meets high security requirements while not impeding trade by land and the flow of tourists between our three countries. In fact, North American parliamentarians believe that the increased security measures must result in the least harm possible to our economic partnership and our citizens...

CONTRER LES DELOCALISATIONS HORS-AMERIQUE DU NORD

Désirant agir pour le bien être, la prospérité, la création et le maintien d'emplois en Amérique du Nord;

Témoins du fait que le contexte économique actuel est caractérisé par la compétitivité entre blocs économiques régionaux, tels l'Union européenne, le Mercosur, l'ASEAN et l'ALÉNA.

Reconnaissants que l'ALÉNA vise notamment à éliminer les barrières au commerce et ainsi, à encourager les entreprises à déployer leurs marchés, leurs activités et leurs chaînes de production à l'échelle de l'Amérique du Nord, occasionnant parfois des déplacements d'activités;

Inquiets de constater qu'une série de mesures législatives ont été adoptées en vue de contraindre la mobilité des entreprises au sein de la zone ALÉNA;

Rappelant la nécessité pour les dirigeants politiques d'adopter des lois n'allant pas à l'encontre de l'esprit de l'ALÉNA;

Déplorant que nombre d'entreprises, auparavant établies en Amérique du Nord, aient choisi au cours des dernières années de délocaliser leurs activités au sein d'autres régions du monde et où les pratiques en matière de droits des travailleurs et d'environnement sont parfois discutables;

Conscients que le phénomène de délocalisations entraîne des préoccupations grandissantes dans la société civile et contribue à fragiliser le tissu économique continental;

Convaincus de la nécessité d'agir pour contribuer à préserver les emplois au sein du territoire nord-américain;

Les parlementaires d'Amérique du Nord, réunis pour la quatrième Assemblée législative du Triumvirat conviennent de ce qui suit...

NAFTA'S CHAPTER XI ON INVESTMENTS

Upon reflect NAFTA has succeeded in some of these goals as FDI has rapidly increased as barriers to free trade have been eliminated.

However, no policy can perfectly predict unanticipated consequences and occasionally policies must be reformed to reflect new problems that have been shed to light.

This resolution has as primary objective to reform Articles 1110 and 1114 of section A of Chapter XI in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the goal of ensuring that NAFTA provides fair and competitive jurisdictions for direct foreign investment (DFI) that is not at odds with the public interest or the public's will.

This resolution has, as its second objective, the creation of an appeal system for claims filed under Chapter XI; section B, of the North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The proposed ad hoc appellate body is an independent North-American judicial court, composed of judges from all three Parties to the NAFTA. It has jurisdiction to hear appeals from first instance Tribunals of the Chapter 11 investor-state disputes...



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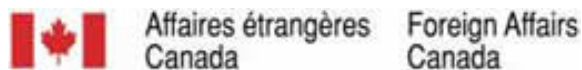
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