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AMBASSADOR SERIES EVENT WITH H.E. BERNARDO ALVAREZ HERRERA



AMBASSADOR OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

Venezuela is the world's fifth-largest oil producer and the fourth-largest oil importer to the United States. In recent years, Venezuela has assumed a vital role in guiding Latin American interests on the world stage. Despite its great wealth and influence, 37 percent of Venezuelans live in poverty. In response, Venezuela is undergoing a rapid nationalization program, in line with President Hugo Chavez's promise to turn the country towards a socialist state.

Ambassador Bernardo Alvarez Herrera will give remarks to the World Affairs Council members and guests, and comment on Venezuela's evolving economy and energy policy, as well as Venezuela's efforts to strengthen ties with both major world powers and developing countries. A short Q & A session will follow his remarks.

Prior to his current posting, Ambassador Herrera worked with the Ministry of Energy and Mines, the Venezuelan Institute of Foreign Trade, and the Forum on Debt and Development (FONDAD). Ambassador Herrera is currently the Venezuelan Representative to the Energy Council of the United States of America.

WHAT: Ambassador Series Event: Ambassador Bernardo Alvarez Herrera

WHEN: Wednesday, July 25, 2007
6:30 – 8:00 PM

WHERE: Center for Strategic and International Studies-Conference Center
1800 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

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