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AGENDA

| MADRID | |
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| April 7 – Sunday | |
| 3.30 pm | Meet and greet Monica Otero at the hotel lobby (casual attire) |
| 4.00 pm | Guided bus/walking tour through Madrid Guide: Mauricio Macarrón |
| April 8 - Monday | |
| 9.30 am | Welcome by Ambassador Alejandro Polanco , Secretary General of the Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU. |

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| 10.00 am | <p>Meeting: Gonzalo de Benito, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Gonzalo de Benito was appointed Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in January 2012. Previously, he has been Assistant Director General of Immigration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Assistant Director General of Personnel at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1992, he has appointed Consul General to Houston and later Ambassador to Peru. In 2000, he became Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. He was appointed Ambassador to Switzerland in 2003, and Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates in 2009</p> |
| 12.00 noon | <p>Visit and briefing at the U.S. Ambassador's Residency in Madrid</p> <p>Paseo de la Castellana, 48. Madrid. Tel: 91 5872508 www.embusa.es</p> <p>Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alan Solomont, Ambassador - Luis Moreno, Deputy Chief of Mission - Kate M. Byrnes, Public Affairs Counselor - Robert Jones, Foreign Trade Counselor |
| 2.00 pm | <p>Welcome lunch offered by the board members of Fundación Consejo España – Estados Unidos at Casa de América</p> <p>Salón Cervantes Paseo de Recoletos, 2. Madrid. Tel: 91 5954839 www.casamerica.es</p> <p>The Casa de América, housed in the Linares Palace, is a Consortium formed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Community of Madrid and the Capital City Hall. It has an Executive Council that is chaired on a rotating basis by the President of the Community, the Mayor of Madrid and the Secretary of State for International Cooperation as well as a high-level Board of Trustees chaired by H.M. the King. The Casa de América is the main Spanish focusing on the very intense flow of relations among the members of the American Community and Spain.</p> |
| 4.15 pm | <p>Visit to EL PAIS newspaper</p> <p>Miguel Yuste, 40. Madrid. Tel: 91 3378200 www.elpais.com</p> <p>Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - José Manuel Calvo, Deputy Director - Berna González-Harbour, Deputy Director - Guillermo Altares, International Section Editor - Alicia González, Economy Section Contributor |

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| | <p>El País is the first Spanish newspaper of general information. Since it first appeared, in 1976 (when Spain was beginning the democratic transition), it has reached the main goal of being a quality and independent daily paper following the great tradition of the European press. El País has offices in Washington, Brussels and has reporters all over the world, especially in Latin America. Since 1989 it participates in a common informative net with “La República” and “Le Monde”, and since 2001 a supplement published in English integrates the Spanish edition of the International Herald Tribune. Elpais.com is the digital edition for the newspaper and the website for general information on the PRISA group to which it belongs.</p> |
| <p>April 10 – Wednesday</p> <p>8.15 am</p> <p>9.00 am</p> <p>11.30 am</p> <p>2.00 pm</p> <p>2.45 pm</p> <p>17.45 pm</p> | <p>Visit to the Train Control Center in Madrid Station</p> <p>AVE - High speed train to Seville (on board presentation)</p> <p>Guided bus/walking tour in Seville Guide: Virginia Vargas</p> <p>Light lunch offered by Abengoa Campus Palmas Altas c/ Energía Solar, 1. Sevilla Tel: 954 970 325 (ext. 38325)</p> <p>Visit to ABENGOA solar plant www.abengoa.com</p> <p>Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allison Lenthall, Communication Director at Abengoa Solar - Rodolfo Prados, Communication Department <p>Abengoa is an international company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainability in the energy and environment sectors, generating energy from the sun, producing biofuels, desalinating sea water and recycling industrial waste.</p> <p>AVE - High speed train to Madrid</p> |

MADRID

April 11 – Thursday

9.00 am

Visit to the Ministry of Defence

Paseo de la Castellana, 109, Madrid. www.defensa.gob.es

Meeting: **Alejandro Álvargonzález**, Secretary General for Defence Policy

Alejandro is a graduate in Political Sciences and entered the Diplomatic Service in 1986. He has served in Spanish diplomatic representations in Honduras, Egypt and Cuba. He has held the posts of Spanish consul in Geneva, Cabinet director for the State Secretary for Security, deputy director-general of Asian Political Affairs, Consul General of Spain in Shanghai and deputy director of International Economic Relations with Developing Countries. From January 2009, he was Spanish Ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

11.00 am

Meeting at the Elcano Royal Institute for International and Strategic Studies

Príncipe de Vergara, 51 Madrid. Tel: 91 781 6770

www.realinstitutoelcano.org

Meeting with the Institute's main researchers:

- **Gonzalo Escribano** (Energy)
- **Carmen González** (Demography)
- **Carlota García** (Defence)

The Elcano Royal Institute is a private think-tank, independent of both the public administration and the companies which provide most of its funding. It was established, under the honorary presidency of HRH the Prince of Asturias, in 2001 for the purpose of conducting an exhaustive study of the interests of Spain and of Spaniards in international affairs. Elcano considers itself a non-partisan - but not neutral- institution that seeks to promote the values by which it was inspired and which aims to establish a global strategy resulting in political proposals. The chief mission of the Elcano Royal Institute is to provide a centre of analysis and initiative of practical use to politicians, heads of relevant public and private entities, and to help promote an informed public opinion.

1.30 pm

Lunch offered by Group Santander Bank

Av. Cantabria, s/n. Boadilla del Monte. Tel: 912895252

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| 1.00 pm | <p>Abertis is an international group which manages mobility and telecommunications infrastructures through five business areas: Tollroads, Telecommunications infrastructures, Airports, Car parks and Logistics parks. As a result of continuous international expansion it now operates in 18 countries on 3 continents and has consolidated its position as the leading infrastructure management company in Europe and a major world player in the field. The Abertis group has a workforce of over 11,000 people and almost 50% of its income is generated outside of Spain.</p> |
| 3.30 pm | <p>Visit and lunch at Freixenet Wine Cellars Joan Sala, 2. San Sadurní d’Anoia. Barcelona. Tel: 938917000 www.freixenet.es</p> |
| 6.50 pm | <p>Guided bus tour to Barcelona Guide: Meritxell Vicente</p> <p>Flight to Madrid, landing at 8.20 pm</p> |