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Embassy to Host Event Celebrating 60th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Colombia

Washington, DC — On Monday, March 6, Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón will host an event to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright Commission in Colombia. The event will highlight higher education in Colombia and academic cooperation between two close allies – the United States and Colombia.

Ambassador Pinzón and Fulbright Colombia Executive Director Dr. Adriana Gaviria Duque will deliver opening remarks, followed by a presentation from Dr. Duque, "Fulbright Colombia Commission's Trajectory." After the presentation, there will be two panel discussions, and in between them, Colombian soprano and Fulbright scholar Elizabeth Muñoz Oliveros will perform. A cocktail reception with live music will follow.

WHO:

Panel 1 – Higher Education in Colombia (4:30-5:30pm)

- Colombian Minister of Education **Yaneth Giha**
- **Cecilia María Vélez**, President, Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano and Fulbright Commission Board Member
- **Dr. Fernando Reimers**, Faculty Director, International Education Policy, Harvard University
- **Lina Zuluaga Ocampo**, Education Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (Moderator)

Panel 2 – Academic Cooperation between the United States and Colombia – The Fulbright Program (5:45-7:00pm)

- **Dr. María Eugenia Verdagué**, Western Hemisphere Fulbright Programs Branch Chief, U.S Department of State
- **Dr. Marc Chernick**, Professor of the Practice of Conflict Resolution and Human Rights and former Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, Georgetown University
- **Dr. Rafael Obregón**, Chief of Communication for the Development Section, United Nations Children's Fund*
- **Juan Hernández**, PhD Candidate in Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University and LGU Consortium Representative*
- **Dr. Adriana Gaviria Duque**, Fulbright Colombia Executive Director (Moderator)*

* *Fulbright scholar*

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WHEN:

Monday, March 6, 2017
4:00pm – 8:00pm

WHERE:

The Residence of the Ambassador of Colombia
1520 20th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

RSVP:

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