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World Affairs Council Honors Colombia with Distinguished Diplomatic Service Award

Washington, DC — Last night, the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC, honored Colombia with the organization's Distinguished Diplomatic Service Award at its annual HONORS Global Education Gala. Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón received the award.

"On behalf of Colombia, I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this award, especially at this time," said Ambassador Pinzón. "Today, Colombia is a nation transformed. We are working to construct sustainable peace, and what that means is to not only implement the Peace Agreement, but to truly bring about Colombia's next transformation. These efforts will include finding ways to take advantage of our potential to increase the competitiveness of our industries, across the economy, including mining, by providing legal assurances for companies that want to invest in Colombia."

"We are grateful for your recognition, and most importantly, for the work you do to advance education and dialogue on the issues facing our global community," said President Juan Manuel Santos in a video message played at the gala. "From preparing young minds for the world that awaits them to hosting forums with thought leaders from every corner of the world, the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC, has been both a leading forum for discussion on international affairs and a center for global education for almost four decades. I truly believe that global education is the key to our collective future, and we commend the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC, for its commitment to advancing it."

The World Affairs Council – Washington, DC, is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to facilitating collaboration throughout the global education and international affairs community by developing informed geopolitical insights and critical thinking with a global perspective; and providing programs to educate, enlighten and empower students, educators, professionals, the American public and international community.

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