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Ms. Meena Sur, Secretary
United Nations
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New York, NY 10017, USA

Re: Supplemental Response to Delegates' Question

Dear Ms. Sur:

Thank you for your willingness to distribute the following information to the Delegates of the Committee on NGOs. We are grateful to the Delegates for their questions on the application of LatCrit for Special Consultative Status. We would like to supplement the verbal responses we made yesterday with the following written response. We will have representatives available at the sessions on Friday, May 12, to answer any further questions the Delegates might have.

The following information supplements our response to the questions posed by the Delegates of Cuba and the United States of America regarding LatCrit's South-North Exchange. In essence, the questions were: why our May 2006 South-North Exchange is taking place in Colombia, and which are the partnering entities in Colombia.

About the LatCrit South-North Exchange

The South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law ("Exchange") is an annual conference organized by LatCrit to create transnational dialogue on current issues in law, theory and culture of common interest across the Americas. The Exchange consists of two parts: an annual conference and, afterward, a scholarly publication based on the live proceedings. The first three Exchanges (2003-2005) took place in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the Universidad Inter-Americana de Puerto Rico. The 2006 Exchange is taking place in Bogotá, Colombia, at the Universidad de los Andes. The 2007 Exchange will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, and will be co-sponsored by the Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro and the Pontifícia Universidade Católica.

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How the Location and Theme for the Exchange Are Selected

The location and theme for the Exchange are selected by the LatCrit Board each year in accordance with three criteria. First, the conference must be accessible to scholars in the Global South. Second, one or more academic institutions must be willing to sponsor and host the conference. Third, one or more scholars must be willing to organize the conference. For example, the May 2006 Exchange in Bogotá is sponsored by the Universidad de los Andes. Professor Daniel Bonilla of the Universidad de los Andes Facultad de Derecho (Law School), Professor Carmen Gonzalez of the Seattle University School of Law, and Professor Colin Crawford of the Georgia State University College of Law are the co-organizers of the Exchange. The overarching topic of this year's Exchange is law, economics and development. The conference organizers received more than forty presentation proposals from scholars throughout the Americas and from other world regions.

Thank you for considering this supplementary information.

Sincerely,

Beth Lyon,
LatCrit Board Secretary