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## **Danger in the Andes:** Threats to Democracy, Human Rights, and Inter-American Security

**November 17, 2010 – US Capitol Visitors Center**

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Are democracy and human rights in danger under the “21st Century Socialism” of Venezuela, Ecuador, and Bolivia?

Does the ALBA Alliance of Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua constitute a threat to U.S. interests and inter-American security?

Is current U.S. policy toward the region equipped to respond to the erosion of democracy and the pernicious influence of such hostile actors as Iran, foreign and domestic terrorist groups, and narcotics traffickers?

Four key U.S. Members of Congress and two panels of U.S. and Latin American experts will examine these and other salient issues. Partial list of panelists:

### **1st Panel 9:00 – 11:30 am**

#### **Rule of Law, Human Rights and Democracy**

**Guillermo Zuloaga** – President, (Exiled) Globovision Television, Venezuela

**Marcial Fabricano** – Bolivian indigenous leader

**Javier El-Hage** – Human Rights Foundation

**Dr. Edgar Teran** – Former Ecuadorean Foreign Minister

**Luis Nuñez** – President, Civic Committee of Santa Cruz, Bolivia

**Jesus Rodriguez** – CEDICE, Venezuelan Economic Think Tank

**Dr. Alejandro Aguirre** – President, Inter-American Press Association (Invited)

**Emilio Berrizbeitia** – Venezuelan Lawyer

**José Cárdenas** – Former Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America, USAID

### **2nd Panel 11:30 – 1:30 pm**

#### **Terrorism, Radical Islam and Narco-trafficking**

**Joel Hirst** – Council on Foreign Relations

**Dr. Jaime Daremblum** – Hudson Institute, Former Costa Rican Ambassador to the US

**John Walters** – Hudson Institute, former Director, White House Office of Drug Control Policy

**Victor Hugo Velazco** – Bolivian indigenous leader

**Joseph Humire** – Atlas Economic Research Foundation

**Jon Perdue** – The Fund for American Studies

**Amb. Roger Noriega** – Former Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere. Former US Ambassador to the OAS

**Amb. Otto J. Reich** – Former Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere. Former Presidential Envoy for the Western Hemisphere

***Registration begins at 8:30 am.***

***Speakers subject to change.***

*Special Remarks by The Hon. Lucio Gutierrez  
former President of Ecuador (2003-2005)*

*Introduction by Dr. Guillermo Lousteau  
InterAmerican Institute for Democracy*

**In addition, the following Members of Congress are invited and have tentatively accepted based on legislative schedule availability:**

**The Hon. Eliot Engel (D-NY)** – Chairman, HFAC Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

**The Hon. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)** – Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC).

**The Hon. Connie Mack (R-FL)** – Ranking Member, HFAC Sub Committee on Western Hemisphere.

**The Hon. Ron Klein (D-FL)** – Member, HFAC Sub Committee on Western Hemisphere

*A light lunch will be served.*

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