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Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Court to Speak at Yale Center for International and Area Studies

Feb. 15, 2005. New Haven, CT - Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, will be the speaker at the 12th Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale Lecture on Wednesday, March 2. His talk, entitled "The International Criminal Court: Hopes and Fears," will be held at 4pm at Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven. A reception will follow. The lecture is sponsored by the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, the Yale Law School, and the Yale School of Management.

In April 2003, the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, meeting in its second resumed first session, unanimously elected Luis Moreno-Ocampo of Argentina as first Chief Prosecutor of the Court. Between 1984-92, as a Prosecutor in Argentina, Moreno-Ocampo was involved in precedent-setting prosecutions of top military commanders for mass killings and other large-scale human rights abuses.

He was the Assistant Prosecutor in the "Military Junta" trial against Army commanders accused of masterminding the "dirty war", and other cases of human rights violations by the Argentine military. Moreno-Ocampo was the Prosecutor in charge of the extradition from the United States of former Argentine General Carlos Guillermo Suárez Mason, and in the investigation and prosecution of guerrilla leaders and of those responsible for two military rebellions in Argentina. He also took part in the case against Army commanders accused of malpractice during the Malvinas/Falklands war, as well as in dozens of major cases of corruption.

Until his election as Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Moreno-Ocampo worked as lawyer and as Private Inspector General for large companies. He also took on a number of pro bono activities, among others as legal representative for the victims in the extradition of former Nazi officer Erich Priebke to Italy, the trial of the chief of the Chilean secret police for the murder of General Carlos Prats, and several cases concerning political bribery, journalists' protection and freedom of expression.

The Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale was established in 1992 to support endeavors among specialists in the intersection between international relations, international law, and the management of international enterprises and organizations. Previous lecturers have included Senator Sam Nunn, Tom Friedman, Senator Gary Hart, Sadako Ogata, Mary Robinson, and Douglas Daft.

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