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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS' FORUM

AIA National Convention and Expo

Saturday, May 5, 2007, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 211

- Chair:** RK Stewart, FAIA, President
Marshall E. Purnell, FAIA, First Vice President
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- Observers:** Donald J. Hackl, FAIA, UIA Treasurer
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Louise Cox, UIA First Vice President, Region IV, and RAIA International Committee
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Enrique López Cardiel, FCARM International Relations Committee
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1. **Welcome.** (5 minutes)

2. **Introductions.** (15 minutes)

All presidents are asked to introduce themselves and any members of their delegation that are attending the meeting as observers. (Presidents are asked to speak in alphabetical order by name of association, i.e., the order of attending presidents as listed above.)

3. **National Updates.** (no time allotted)

Presidents are asked to submit:

- updates on current issues and activities in their association, in writing and in digital format, in advance of the meeting. These will be posted on the AIA International web page: www.aia.org/intl_default. Please submit updates to: edelage@aia.org
- The Presidents are also invited to submit comments in writing on any or all of the three discussion topics listed below.

4. **Discussion.** (90 minutes total)

a) **Sustainable Design & Construction – San Antonio Declaration.** (20 minutes)

At the 2005 meeting, the Presidents in attendance signed the Las Vegas Declaration. What actions and activities has your association initiated or continued since the signing of the Declaration? What are you doing to implement this objective?

The United Nations Global Compact (<http://www.unglobalcompact.org/>) is one vehicle for governments and civil society to initiate “multi-stakeholder policy dialogues on the contemporary challenges of globalization and corporate citizenship... .” The Global Compact has devised ten principles which reflect a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption. Three of these ten principles concern the environment: (<http://www.unglobalcompact.org/AboutTheGC/TheTenPrinciples/environment.html>).

For the past two years, the presidents gathered at this meeting have issued a declaration of their support for a policy that was part of the agenda. In 2005, the Las Vegas Declaration stated the presidents’ support for measures to reduce carbon emissions. In 2006, the Los Angeles Declaration came out in support of collaborative practice and business models and of interoperability.

In 2007, we need to renew our pledge to promote sustainable design and construction in order to mitigate climate change. Attached is a draft declaration. Your comments and proposals for changes are requested.

b) **Offshore Outsourcing.** (20 minutes)

In 2006, the AIA International Committee convened a day-long roundtable discussion of offshore outsourcing for the delivery of architectural services. 35 AIA members, representatives of the collateral organizations (NCARB, NAAB, ACSA, and AIAS), professional liability insurers, specialists in real estate and construction law, the media, and offshore providers were invited to participate. They were asked to write a brief statement about issues to be raised or to explain the policy position they held. These statements and other articles were distributed in a reader prior to the roundtable, so that all participants would be familiar with their colleagues’ issues and points of view.

The **reader** and the **final report** on the roundtable can be found at:

http://www.aia.org/intl2_template.cfm?pagename=intl%5Foor%5F2006

The participants in the round table concurred with recent press reports and economic forecasts that predict this service delivery method will grow enormously in the future. Offshoring is already far more commonly used by other businesses and by engineers than by architects. This business practice coincides with an insufficient number of young professionals in the west, and a growing professional class in the Indian sub-continent, in Asia, the Americas, and Eastern Europe. This issue has been brought up before the UIA Professional Practice Commission as a potential subject of study. The AIA International Committee this year will organize a task group to draft best practices for offshore outsourcing, i.e., standards and protocols that will insure that architects

- meet the legal requirements of responsible control
- integrate quality assurance
- incorporate risk management & liability protection
- assure security and intellectual property protection

Are architects practicing in your country using offshore outsourcing? Are they providing offshore architectural services? How is offshore outsourcing affecting practice in your country?

c) **Mobility of Architects and WTO Commitments.** (20 minutes)

Under the provisions of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) Article VI:4 (Domestic Regulation), the WTO's Working Party on Domestic Regulation (WPDR) has for the past several years been addressing the subject of developing disciplines (rules) that would be applicable to the regulated professions in their member states. The overall objective is to liberalize global trade within the regulated professions.

Following their development of recommended Accountancy Disciplines, the WPDR has been considering whether they should pursue the development of "horizontal disciplines" that could be applicable to all regulated professions, or to continue with the development of profession-specific disciplines. These are in addition to the general cross-cutting disciplines of national treatment, market access and transparency.

In 2005 the Australian WTO representatives prepared and submitted to the Working Party on Domestic Regulation "Draft Disciplines on the Regulation in the Engineering Sector." Subsequently, the UIA Professional Practice Commission prepared the "Draft Disciplines on the Domestic Regulation in the Architectural Sector. The UIA Council approved the document in June 2006.

The UIA Professional Practice Commission and the UIA Council consider it to be in the interests of the architectural profession to take the initiative to develop a proposed document for the consideration of the WTO WPDR rather than having the WTO develop such a document solely on their own initiative. The UIA member sections are asked to request that their WTO delegations submit the draft architecture disciplines for consideration by the WPDR. The number of requests is important in determining the agenda of the WPDR.

5. **Other Business** (10 minutes)

DRAFT San Antonio Declaration

We the undersigned, Presidents of our respective national architectural institutes, acknowledge the critical nature of global climate change and the urgent need to mount a global response. Statistics clearly show the preponderant responsibility of the design and construction industry for energy consumption and carbon emissions in building construction and operations.

Over the past 35 years, a long list of increasingly urgent calls for responsible action have been issued on the world stage: from United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972; to the Bruntland Report, "Our Common Future" produced in 1987 by the World Commission on Environment and Development; to the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992; to the Declaration of Interdependence for a Sustainable Future, UIA/AIA World Congress of Architects, Chicago, 18-21 June 1993; to the three environmental principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

We call on all architects, engineers, and contractors to adopt and implement these sustainability goals as the benchmarks of their practice.