



## **MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING**

### **U.S. – SPAIN COUNCIL AND FUNDACIÓN CONSEJO ESPAÑA EE-UU**

**VALENCIA, NOVEMBER, 2000**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Consejo President Antonio Garrigues Walker.

Senator Dodd thanked Dr. Garrigues Walker, the Consejo, the Generalitat de Valencia and the Mayor of Valencia for an excellent Forum and for their hospitality in Valencia. Senator Dodd made special note of the interaction and give and take of the Forum among such a prestigious group of businesses and individuals. Senator Dodd also thanked the staff, translators, and the Hotel, to whose management he intended to send letters of thanks.

Senator Dodd suggested that the next Forum meeting held in conjunction with a Triangulation Meeting, and that this may cause the meeting to last one-half day longer.

Emilio Casinello and Javier Sangro, as well as John Brademas, offered assistance for meetings in New York.

Senator Dodd proposed that the next meeting be held at the end of October 2001 in New York, and that members of the Council and the Consejo should check their calendars as soon as possible and notify the Forum of any conflicts.

Antonio Garrigues stated that the Consejo was satisfied (after the Consejo's meeting earlier that morning) with the Emerging Leaders Program. Craig Kennedy (who had to depart the previous evening) of the German Marshall Fund had already signed an accord so that the program could move forward and that the Consejo was ready to sign such an accord with the Council.

There was consideration by the Council and Consejo for future meetings to be held in cooperation with Universities.

Both Antonio Garrigues and Senator Dodd praised the Library of Congress presentation and reaffirmed the importance of working with and supporting the Spanish and U.S. government library initiatives.

Antonio Garrigues stated that the Consejo will send the Council a letter with suggestions regarding a Triangulation meeting in New York.

A recommendation was made to invite Hispanic-American leaders to Spain for a dialogue. The Consejo requested the Council's help in determining whom to invite and requested the Council's suggestions.

Senator Dodd suggested that one of the topics for dialogue could be state of democratic institutions in Latin America. Other topics were conditions in Colombia and Cuba. The Senator explained that the purpose was to provide a safe and healthy forum to discuss these complex issues. A suggestion was made to invite important people from the media to discuss freedom of the media (i.e. NY Times, El Pais, Wall Street Journal).

A suggestion was made to continue to invite the print and broadcast media in order to keep them and the public apprised of Consejo and Council's activities.

John Brademas agreed that the subject of the state of democracy in Latin America is a great subject and that he could assist in involving universities in the NY area. Eusebio Mujal-Leon stated that Georgetown would also be interested in being involved in the Triangulation Meeting. Senator Dodd agreed that a Triangulation Meeting in cooperation with a University was a great idea

Beatriz Casals said that she has experience with conferences on Freedom of the Press and democracy in Latin America and that she would like to assist in the preparation of this part of the next Triangulation Meeting. Mr. Zapata also offered to help with the Triangulation Meeting.

Ms. Casals stated that Spain has plenty of quantitative data on Hispanics in the Americas, but that Spain needs more qualitative data about the Hispanic population in the Americas and that the next Triangulation Meeting could work on resolving that deficiency.

Another suggestion for a topic was Spain's road to democracy.

Ed Shumacher informed the Council that the Wall Street Journal is prepared to sponsor the Triangulation Meeting in New York.

Senator Torres stated that he has contacts in the media (such as members of the Board of his own foundation) that he could invite to participate in the Triangulation Meeting. He also mentioned that his friend Nick Desantis (from the Arts & Entertainment TV network) has just returned from Argentina and is working on developing the image of the Americas in the media.

Jaime Carvajal reminded members that the last meeting was held on financial markets, the meeting before that was on energy. Carvajal suggested that the topic of the New Economy between Spain and the Americas is interesting, not just because it is fashionable but because it is so significant (he specifically mentioned Terra).

Mr. Zapata informed the group of an initiative that he was involved in called "Wiring the Border" which entails connecting 200 small and medium businesses along the

US/Mexican Border together with major companies. This is something that the triangulation initiative could plug into. It also could give Terra an opportunity to get involved.

Antonio Garrigues added that there are so many synergies from this initiative that the Council/Consejo needs to submit all ideas regarding triangulation in order to be able to reach a consensus on the next meetings' agenda.

Senator Dodd informed the members that Michael Hoffman had volunteered to underwrite the U.S. Council's portion of the Emerging Leaders Program.

There being no further business Antonio Garrigues adjourned the meeting at 11:00am and all proceeded to an adjourning room to sign the Emerging Leaders Program agreement between the Consejo, the Council and the German Marshall Fund. The signing, which was witnessed by all the Council/Consejo members present, was covered by the local media, who engaged in a lively Q&A session afterwards.