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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the sixth meeting of the reconstituted Liaison Committee. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 30 at 18:00-19:30 (light refreshments at 17:30) at Mishkenot Sha'ananim. Our topic will be **“Religious and Ethnic Minorities in the United States: the Case of the Greeks”**.

Our guest speaker will be **Nicholas Larigakis**, President and COO, American Hellenic Institute. Nick Larigakis became president & chief operating officer of AHI, a non-profit Greek American public policy center, on January 1, 2011. In this capacity, Larigakis manages the day-to-day operations of AHI and its affiliated organizations, including all aspects of strategic planning, policy analysis, public affairs programming, government relations, financial development, and media communications. He has been with AHI since 1987 and for the past 9 years served as the institute's executive director. During his tenure, Larigakis has organized more than 70 legislative conferences, two trade conferences on “Doing Business in Greece,” nine conferences on the Future of Hellenism in America (2002-2010), and two congressional fact-finding delegations to Greece (1993 & 1997). These responsibilities include working with the US Congress on US-Greece-Cyprus relations. Larigakis also serves as President of the Greek American Political Action Committee. Larigakis received his B.A. in Political Science from the College of New Jersey and did post-graduate work in International Affairs at the American University in Washington, D.C. Larigakis is from the island of Skopelos, Greece and resides in Alexandria, Va. AHI was founded in 1974 to uphold US law in matters of U.S. foreign policy, particularly regarding Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey.

Please find attached 2010-2011 review of the Liaison Committee activity.

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Sincerely,

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