



**Extension of Remarks
The Honorable Connie Mack
Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Peter Hakim for his service at the Inter-American Dialogue. Peter has testified in front of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee several times and has always been a passionate advocate for issues in Latin America. His personal insight into the inner workings of Latin American politics has been both constructive and resourceful to our Subcommittee and to Members of Congress.

Madam Speaker, the Inter-American Dialogue is an organization that brings an incredible amount of information to the discourse on freedom in Latin America. Through discussions and lectures, the Dialogue has brought greater awareness to the current issues facing Latin America.

I would also like to honor Mr. Michael Shifter, the new President of the Inter-American Dialogue, upon his appointment to this important role. I'm sure the Dialogue will benefit greatly from Michael's leadership and experience, and I look forward to working with both Michael and the Dialogue as we work toward greater freedom, security and prosperity in Latin America and the hemisphere.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.