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**Peru's Ambassador to Canada
Honours President Lloyd Axworthy for OAS Role**

WINNIPEG— Ambassador Russo Checa, Ambassador of Peru in Canada, will honour University of Winnipeg President and Vice-Chancellor Lloyd Axworthy for his integral role in ensuring fair and democratic elections in Peru last year as leader of the Organization of American States (OAS) Electoral Observation Missions. Ambassador Checa will present to Dr. Axworthy the Peruvian equivalent of the Order of Canada: *The Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of Distinguished Service/La Orden "Al mérito por Servicios Distinguidos" en el Grado de Gran Cruz.*

The University of Winnipeg, through its Global College, was the first post-secondary institution ever to have students involved in an OAS mission of this kind. Students, alumni and faculty described the unprecedented opportunity to witness “democracy in action” and monitor the Peruvian general elections in April and June 2006 as life-changing.

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

12:15 p.m. – Introduction of Prof. Geoff Scott and OAS Mission student participants, slide show

12:30 – Ambassador Russo Checa presents medal to Dr. Axworthy

Riddell Hall

The University of Winnipeg

515 Portage Avenue

Media are welcome to attend.

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