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Ambassador Highlights Colombia's Transformation, Economic and Investment Opportunities in New York

Washington, DC – Today, in a pair of keynote remarks in New York before U.S. business leaders and members of the investment community, Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón discussed the nation's remarkable transformation over the past 15 years and the economic, political and social outlook for the year ahead.

This morning, in a speech before the Colombian American Association (CAA), Ambassador Pinzón detailed how Colombia transformed over the past 15 years, restoring security and stability, strengthening democratic institutions and advancing policies that have led to significant social progress and economic growth. Ambassador Pinzón highlighted that today's Colombia is a strong and prosperous nation thanks to the commitment of the Colombian government and Armed Forces to increasing security across the country, and because of unwavering bipartisan U.S. support.

"Colombia is a nation transformed. Our bilateral partnership – from Plan Colombia to the free trade agreement – has paved the way for Colombia to become an economic leader, closer than ever to achieving lasting peace and a model for the region and the world," said the Ambassador before the CAA, an organization founded in 1927 to facilitate commerce and trade between the Colombia and the United States, among its other missions. "The realities of today's Colombia are possible because of strong support from leaders like you who deeply value our partnership."

The Ambassador later took his message to a luncheon at J.P. Morgan with investment bankers and officials from key rating agencies. Speaking before a group of approximately 30 to 40 representatives from J.P. Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, as well as Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch, and other firms, Ambassador Pinzón provided an economic look ahead for 2016, and discussed Colombian industries ripe for investment. While in New York, the Ambassador met yesterday with private equity and investment firms at Allen & Company, where he talked about new opportunities to invest in Colombia.

"Even in the face of falling oil prices and the global economic slowdown, our economic outlook is promising. Colombia's economy is one of the few in Latin America with expected GDP growth above 3 percent for this year and next," said Ambassador Pinzón. "Colombia has been invited to become a member of the OECD, and we expect to accede between 2016 and 2017."

For more information about the visit or to schedule an interview with Ambassador Pinzón, please contact Veronica Turk (vturk@colombiaemb.org | 202-387-8339).

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