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Portland Welcomes Ambassador Pinzón

Washington, DC — Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón is in Portland, Oregon, this week to talk with local business leaders about the dynamic bilateral relationship between Oregon and Colombia.

The trade ties in particular are strong between Oregon and Colombia:

- In 2015, Oregon exported a total of \$42.9 million in goods to Colombia, making it the fifth main destination of Oregon's exports to Latin America. Exports include machinery, agriculture products and transportation equipment, among others.
- In 2015, Colombia sent a total of \$11.7 million worth of imports to Oregon, the seventh largest market for Oregon's imports in Latin America. Those imports include wood products and computer and electronic gear, as well as textiles and fabrics, to name a few.

"I welcome the opportunity to visit Portland and expand the relationship that has brought great benefits to the city, Oregon and Colombia," said Ambassador Pinzón. "I will share the conversations I have here this week with my colleagues in the Embassy and back home in Colombia so that we can continue building on this strong partnership."

During his visit this week, Ambassador Pinzón will meet with Portland Mayor Charlie Hales and business leaders from GreenWood Resources, Campbell Global and Columbia Sportswear. In addition, the Ambassador will participate in a public forum with the World Affairs Council and the University of Oregon. While at the university, the Ambassador will also participate in a meeting on innovation hosted by the Technology Association of Oregon and a business roundtable hosted by Business Oregon.

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