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## **2018 MEETING OF THE ADVISORS FOR ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY**

Dear Advisor for Economic Diplomacy,

It is my honor to invite you and your spouse to **Los Angeles for the 2018 meeting of the Advisors for Economic Diplomacy, on May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

I am especially delighted to announce the participation of the **Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, H.E. Pieter De Crem** who will be honoring us by his presence in California from **May 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Our Ambassador in Washington DC, H.E. Dirk Wouters, the Consuls-General Hon. Cathy Buggenhout and Hon. William de Baets, will join me in **welcoming you at the Belgian Residence in Los Angeles**, where we will gather for a substantive exchange of views on economic issues focusing on free-trade agreements and on –going NAFTA negotiations. We will be briefed by Prof. Justin Hugues, former negotiator for the US, and Professor of Law at Loyola Marymount University (*tbc*).

We have also selected a hotel with preferential rates for your convenience. Detailed information about reservation will be promptly sent to you as soon as we have confirmation of the size of the group.

Others guests will include our Trade Commissioners from the Regions in California.

After the meeting, **I invite you and your spouse to a garden party at the Residence.**

I am looking forward to meeting you all for rich and thought provoking discussions, forward looking ideas and the continuation of our friendship.

Henri Vantieghem  
Consul General  
of the Kingdom of Belgium in Los Angeles

