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Counsels General Strategize on U.S. Foreign Policy

Chicago (December 5, 2008) — As the U.S. prepares to undergo a change in foreign policy direction under the administration of President-elect Obama, Counsels General from nine nations huddled at Chicago State University as part of the its annual observance of International Education Week. Representatives from Europe, the Caribbean, Africa and Central America met to discuss “Re-thinking the role of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Global World.”

The event attracted officials from the Czech Republic, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Liberia, the Netherlands, Sao Tome & Principe, Serbia and South Africa. It was the fifth consecutive year Chicago State University has invited Counsels General to take part in panel discussions on international issues. They are all based in Illinois.

The panel was organized by CSU’s Office of International Programs under the leadership of its Executive Director, Dr. Adama J. Conteh. The University created the annual celebration in response to a 2000 executive memorandum from the Clinton administration which encouraged international education.