**MEDIA ADVISORY**
Monday, Oct. 15, 2007

SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO VISIT OU

The Syrian Ambassador to the United States will discuss the state of U.S.-Syrian relations, Lebanon, Iraq, and Israel in an afternoon panel discussion at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the library (Room 2500) of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, 395 W. Lindsey St..

Moderating will be Joshua Landis, co-director of the Center for Peace Studies and Zach Messitte, vice provost for International Programs.

Members of the media are invited to cover the panel discussion, which is being sponsored by OU’s Center for Peace Studies, International Programs Center, and the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communications. The Panel Discussion is open to the public at no cost to those who attend.

Imad Moustapha has been the Syrian Ambassador to the United States since March 31, 2004. Prior to his appointment, he served as Dean of the Faculty at the University of Damascus, and Secretary General of the Arab School on Science and Technology.

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For more information about the panel discussion, please contact the Center for Peace Studies at 405-325-3581 or dmcmom@ou.edu.