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Committee on Security
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Moscow, Russian Federation

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Dear Mr. Vasiliev:

Greetings from Washington!

Please allow me to introduce Equity International, the leading U.S. facilitator of business involvement and solutions in homeland security and organizer of the Homeland & Global Security Summit in Washington, DC.

Equity International is the exclusive organizer of the American Delegation to the "U.S. Experience in Fighting Terrorism" Conference, the exclusive U.S. organizer of the Conference, and the exclusive organizer of the U.S. Country Pavilion at the Security and Safety Technologies Trade Show (along with the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council), scheduled for February 1 – 4, 2005 at the Crocus Convention Center in Moscow.

We proposed to schedule the US-Russia: Experience in Fighting Terrorism Conference on February 1-2, 2005, in the framework of the Forum. This initiative was greatly supported by the executive board of the Forum and we are seeking your support of our Conference as well. We believe that this event will be a great advancement in the mutual cooperation between US and Russia.

We are prepared to contact our many friends in the U.S. government to speak at the conference, and we are prepared to market the conference and the Pavilion to our extensive list of U.S. companies active in homeland security and safety technologies. We look forward to working closely with Val Kogan and the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council.

The Moscow event is very important to me because I pioneered U.S. trade and investment with the Soviet Union and Central/Eastern Europe in the 1980s and 1990s, becoming the first American to visit several major Russian cities. I published the first U.S.-Soviet and U.S.-East European business guides; hosted over 1,000 business and government leaders from both regions on business tours of the U.S.; and helped to develop banking and capital markets from Romania to Russia.

In 1995, I created Equity International - now the leading U.S. facilitator of business involvement and solutions in homeland security.

I am pleased to invite you to join the Russian Delegation to the 2005 Homeland and Global Security Summit, scheduled for March 2-3, 2005 in Washington, DC. Zashita EXPO, our Russian Partner, and Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Council, our US partner, are the official organizers of the Russian Delegation to Washington. Additionally, I am pleased to invite you to speak during our Conference. We featured Russian Pavilion, organized by Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council, at our yearly Summits in the past 3 years.

The 2004 Homeland & Global Security Summit, held March 31 - April 1, 2004 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, was our third annual Summit and the most prestigious homeland security trade show in the United States. Summit speakers included Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge (Keynote); DHS Assistant Secretary Parney Albright; Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Peter Verga; Customs & Border Protection Commissioner Robert Bonner; Congressman Christopher Cox, Chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security; Congressman Hal Rogers; Chairman of House Homeland Security Appropriations; and many others. The Summit VIP Reception was held at British Ambassador Sir David Manning's residence, with guests representing a who's who in homeland security.

Since 2002, Equity International has also organized almost monthly homeland security briefings at the National Press Club, providing the latest information from Congressional and Administration leaders on homeland security funding and programs. Equity International organized its first homeland security event in 1998, when the firm hosted a national conference on the threat of Osama bin Laden to U.S. corporate facilities and personnel. One of the firm's latest events – The Capitol Hill Homeland Security Technology Showcase – attracted many government and industry leaders.

More than 7,000 government and industry leaders have participated in Equity's homeland security forums. News media coverage has included CNN, C-SPAN, CNBC, NBC, ABC, CBS, Fox, BBC, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Financial Times, and many other major news media.

Dear Mr. Vasiliev, as a Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Security and Safety Technologies International Forum, you can tremendously contribute to the mutual cooperation and understanding among our nations by supporting the idea of the conference.

We hope you accept our invitation and look forward to excellent cooperation with you.

Best Regards,



William S. Loiry
President