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LLM Reunion Weekend
POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 2002
New Delhi, India

Dear All:

This is a very difficult email, and I hope this will be the only one of this kind for the next 50 or more years of the UGA LL.M. Alumni Association!

As you may have guessed from the extensive exchange of emails all over the world in the last few weeks we have intensively discussed the impact of the current global political situation on our November 2001 meeting in New Delhi, India. While some have reported that, according to their own and others experience, the war in Afghanistan has no impact on airplane security and particularly the daily life in New Delhi, others have raised at least some concerns about possible future political developments. I feel that we have exchanged all possible reasons for having the meeting this November as well as for postponing the meeting until November 2002, and I do not want to add any further argument.

I have just got off the phone with Priti Suri, who is currently at the IBA conference in Cancun, Mexico, and we concluded to officially announce that we postpone the meeting in India planned for November 2001 to November 2002.

A more specific date will be communicated in a few weeks, taking into account legal holidays, possible busy dates in New Delhi as well as Thanksgiving.

I feel very pity for Priti Suri and her team in India who planned such a superb and unique meeting. But: we do not at all cancel this year's meeting, but we merely postpone it! A meeting in India is very important for the future of our association, and I am very confident that the November 2002 meeting will become a success with even more participants than the (already good number of) 15 alumni (plus guests) who originally registered for this year's meeting! Judging from our email exchange and telephone conversations in the last few months I feel that this has brought us a step closer together, despite this rather disappointing announcement.

Prof. Gabriel Wilner has volunteered to organize local alumni meetings in Brussels and New York, probably we will already see each other in Brussels before Christmas this year!

So far everyone contacted has raised no objection to keep the deposits made to Prime Travel in India until next year; the bank charges for returning and paying a deposit next year are just not worth it. Upon her return to India from one of her famous trips around the world, Priti will further investigate possibilities to deposit the amounts on an account and take advantage of the relatively high interest rates in India. Further details will be communicated soon. Furthermore, I will soon circulate a message to all LL.M. alumni informing them of the postponement and opening the discussion for when the Madrid meeting should take place: spring 2002 or spring 2003. In order to make New Delhi 2002 an even bigger success, it may be worth considering Madrid for May/June 2003. Please let me have your thoughts on that.

I hope you understand that we had to make this very difficult decision now. If you are not happy with it: I

take full responsibility, but please believe me that it was not an easy decision. This world has changed so much in the last few weeks, but we should not be discouraged by our small efforts to bring even this world closer together.

All the best.

Go Dawgs!!!

Yours, Christof

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