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Presentation of the OPALC'S annual report on Latin America Politics and
IRELAC macroeconomic outlook

Thursday, March 14, 2019

14.30 – 17.30

Brussels

Arenberg Room, Egmont Palace

Place du Petit Sablon, 8bis, Kleine Zavel, 1000 Brussels

Free of charge, compulsory registration by Friday, March 8, via contact@irelac.be

14.00 Inscription

14.30 Welcome address

- **Alain Van Gucht**, Director of Americas, Belgian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- **Christian Ghymers**, President of IRELAC

14.45 Balance of 2018 in Latin America

- **Olivier Dabène**, President of OPALC, Institut d'Etudes Politiques - « Sciences Po » - Paris
- **Frédéric Louault**, Co-director of AmericaS, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

16.00 Economic Analysis and Perspective on CELAC region for 2019

- **Christian Ghymers**, President of IRELAC:
Macroeconomic Outlook for CELAC area
- **Sophie Wintgens**, FNRS & Centre d'Etudes de la Vie Politique:
China's increasing presence in Central America: what is at stake?

16.45 The EU-CELAC policies

- **Peter Van De Velde**, European External Action Service
The European Union external policy towards CELAC

17.15 Open Debate and Closing remarks

Chair: **Alain Van Gucht**, Director of Americas, Belgian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs

17.30 Cocktail