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## Center for Puerto Rico Equality & Advancement to hold Policy Briefing at the U.S. Congress

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New York, NY – The Center for Puerto Rico Equality & Advancement (CPREA), an independent and non-partisan policy and education organization that advocates on behalf of civil rights and equality for Puerto Rico, will present its Spring 2011 Status and Economic Policy Briefing Tuesday, May 3rd at the Rayburn Office Building of the U.S. House of Representatives, Room 2237, at 3:00 p.m. The briefing will include presentations by four panelists followed by a Q&A.

The briefing will focus on the March 2011 Report of the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status, which made recommendations to resolve the question of the territory's future status, regarding Federal programs and the islands; and concerning the insular economy.

Confirmed panelists include: Puerto Rico's Secretary of State, Kenneth D. McClintock, advisor and counsel on national security and territorial law to the administrations of President's Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Howard L. Hills; Graduate School of Business of the University of Puerto Rico Professor Carlos A. Colon De Armas; and Democratic National Committee Member Andres W. Lopez. The moderator will be Jeffrey L. Farrow, coordinator of policy regarding Puerto Rico

and other territories in Clinton and Carter White Houses and former Staff Director of the U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on territories issues.

In the evening, the law firm of Akin/Gump will host a reception and fundraiser for CPREA.

CPREA President Rafael Rodriguez said in announcing the briefing that, "As we seek to deal with Puerto Rico's territorial status and economy, it is important that we lay out a path to attain true equal social/economic equality for the 3.7 million U.S. citizens of the islands. While staying true to our central message of Civil Rights and Equality for Puerto Rico, this status and economic policy discussion will strongly argue why Puerto Rico's territorial status is in the way of economic growth and potential, and why there can be no parity without equality."

The **Center for Puerto Rico Equality & Advancement (CPREA)** is committed to advancing a bold, innovative course of policy analysis, education, and action aimed at empowering the people of Puerto Rico to attain their full rights – and discharge their full responsibilities – as citizens of the United States of America.

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