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WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS OF AMERICA NAMES A. ALEXANDER LARI BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON – (June 9, 2008) The World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) has named A. Alexander Lari vice chairman of its board of directors.

Lari, principal of The Claremont Group, a group of New York-based real estate firms, began his term on February 19. He succeeds Ambassador Mark Johnson, executive director of the World Affairs Council of Montana and former Ambassador to Senegal and deputy chief of mission to Kuwait during the first Gulf War.

“We are pleased that an individual of Alexander Lari’s reputation has agreed to serve as our board vice chairman,” said Barbara Propes, WACA president and CEO. “In 2008, WACA is celebrating 90 years of service to the world community and we look forward to working with Mr. Lari in his new role as we strive to increase the involvement of citizens in global matters.”

Lari, who has served on WACA’s board of directors since 2003, has completed hundreds of millions of dollars in construction and real estate projects.

“I am delighted to accept the post of vice chairman of the board of the World Affairs Councils of America,” said Lari. “Knowledge of the world’s many pressing issues is crucial to those engaged in global business but it also is important that every person realizes they have a role to play in world affairs. As WACA’s vice chairman, I will continue to work to foster grassroots understanding and engagement in international affairs.”

Lari was awarded the 2003 Ellis Island Medal of Honor for outstanding citizenship, individual achievement, and encouragement of cultural unity. He holds a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in civil engineering from New York University.

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The World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) is the country’s largest nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering grassroots understanding and engagement in international affairs. WACA seeks to involve as many citizens as possible in an exchange of ideas, knowledge and understanding of global issues. WACA’s membership includes 535,000 individual members belonging to 89 councils in 39 states, plus the District of Columbia, along with 26 national and international affiliates. More than 20 million people take part in WACA events and programs each year. For more information on WACA, visit www.worldaffairscouncils.org.

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