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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### FOREIGN DIPLOMAT TO VISIT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, IL--Ambassador Amre Moussa, from the Arabic Republic of Egypt, will visit Eastern Illinois University Monday, April 29.

Ambassador Moussa serves as the Ambassador from Egypt to the United Nations. He is a former Ambassador to India and Director of the International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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The public is invited to meet informally with the Ambassador at a banquet in his honor at 6 p.m. Monday at the Golden Dragon Restaurant. He will be initiated as an honorary member of the National Political Science Honor Society. Tickets are \$10 per person. To make reservations, call Phyllis in Eastern's Political Science Department at 581-2523 by Wednesday, April 24.

Following the banquet, the Ambassador will speak on "The Gulf War and Its Aftermath: An International Perspective" at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Ballroom in the University Union. There will be a 45-minute question and answer period.

Earlier in the day, Eastern's International Student Services and the Effingham Deanery will host a tea for Ambassador Moussa at the Wesley Foundation.

Dick Goodrick, chair of Eastern's Political Science Department which is sponsoring the Ambassador's visit, said that according to the United States Department of State, "Ambassador Moussa is the most influential Ambassador of all the Arabic representatives in the United Nations and is a personal confidant to President Mubarak of Egypt."