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Joint Conference and Reception to be held at

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

Friday 31 October 2008

***CONTROL OF NATIONAL RESOURCES:
THE CHALLENGES FOR
INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION***

Speakers at this one- day conference will look at three topics:

1. The issue of resource nationalism;
2. Whether “Good Offices” can assist in relation to resource nationalism;
3. Whether established international dispute resolution bodies have a role to play in resolving disputes between resource – rich countries and consuming countries: Can these traditional “western” bodies satisfy non-western countries that they will receive a fair and unbiased hearing?

8.45 **Coffee and Registration**

9.30 **Welcome address: Professor Avrom Sherr**, Director, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

9.45 **Conference Overview: Anthony Connerty**, IDR Group

10.00-
11.00 **SESSION 1: The Issue of Resource Nationalism**

Chairman: Rt Hon Lord Anderson of Swansea DL

Former diplomat and former chairman of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee; currently member of the House of Lords European Union Committee
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Panel:

Andrew Berkeley: international arbitrator. Has held various senior industrial posts including General Counsel of the British National Oil Corporation. Acts as an expert nominated by the Confederation of British Industry at OECD, Paris, in relation to the negotiation of investment treaties, anti-corruption conventions and guidelines for multinational enterprises.

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Professor Munir Maniruzzaman: Professor of International and Business Law, University of Portsmouth. Honorary Fellow, Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee, Scotland.

Consultant Editor to the Society for Advanced Legal Studies Journal “Amicus Curiae”.
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11.00-11.30 **Coffee**

11.30-12.30 **SESSION 2: Whether “Good Offices” can assist in relation to Resource Nationalism**

Chairman: Sir Henry Brooke

Chairman of the Law Commission 1993-1995; Lord Justice of Appeal 1996-2006; Vice-President of the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) 2003-2006.
Hon Member of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies

Panel:

Rt. Hon. Donald McKinnon: former Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat
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Mr. McKinnon's Paper for the Conference will be read by Matthew Neuhaus, Director of the Political Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat: in that role Mr. Neuhaus supervises the Good Offices work of the Commonwealth.

Judge Thomas A. Mensah: first President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg. President of the Tribunal in *Ireland v. United Kingdom (“MOX Plant Case”)*
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12.30-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-17.00 **SESSION 3: Do established international dispute resolution bodies have a role to play in resolving disputes between resource – rich countries and consuming countries? Can these traditional “western” bodies satisfy non-western countries that they will receive a fair and unbiased hearing?**

Chairman: Sir Anthony Evans

Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre Court; former Lord Justice of Appeal.
Hon Member of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies

Panel:

David Branson: Former Vice-Chairman of the arbitration committees of both the American Bar Association and the International Bar Association. Member of the faculty of the International Law Institute, Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Has represented major multinational clients in arbitral forums around the world.
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Prince Bola Ajibola: Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration. Vice-Chairman, International Court of Justice in The Hague between 1991-1994. President and Judge of the World Bank Administrative Tribunal (Washington D.C and London); Member, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Arbitrator/Commissioner, Eritrea/Ethiopia Boundary Commission.
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Professor Ahmed El Kosheri: Former ad hoc judge at the International Court of Justice; Member, International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) since 1986; Vice-President, International Chamber of Commerce's Court of Arbitration since 1998. Serves on the ICSID Panel of Conciliators and of Arbitrators.
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15.30-16.00 **Tea**

16.00-17.00 **SESSION 3 Continued**

John Hardiman: Partner in the London office of the international law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell. He has broad experience in international arbitration and complex litigation, including matters related to contests for corporate control. He is co-head of his firm's European Litigation and Arbitration Group.

Johan Gernandt: Chairman of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. Has acted as Counsel and arbitrator in a large number of international arbitrations (mainly East-West) under the rules of several institutes
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17.00-17.30 **Closing Address:**

Professor Derek Roebuck: Senior Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies; Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies
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Anthony Connerty: IDR Group

17.30 **The Conference will be followed by a reception in the Council Chamber**

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The Director of IALS is Professor Avrom Sherr.

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The head of the Group is Anthony Connerty

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