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Second International Conference for a Euro-Mediterranean Community of International Arbitration

Cairo - 12 November 2015

By bringing together experts and professionals in international arbitration and investment, the conference aims at promoting a sustainable Euro-Mediterranean arbitration community as part of a broader agenda for securing investments, key for stabilization and economic growth in the South and the East of the Mediterranean.



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PROGRAMME

UNCITRAL / OECD / CRCICA Conference – Cairo – 12 November 2015

08:45/9:30 – Registration of participants

Opening Statements (09:30 – 10:00)

09:30/09:40 - H.E. Mr. Ashraf Salman, *Minister of Investment, Egypt [tbc]*

09:40/09:45 - Mr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf, *Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)*

09:45/09:50 - Mr. Renaud Sorieul, *UNCITRAL Secretary*

09:50/10:00 - Mr. Olivier de Saint-Lager, *Senior Counsellor, Co-Chair of the OECD Working Group on Investment Security in MENA Region, OECD*

Mrs. Marie-Estelle Rey, *Senior Adviser, MENA-OECD Investment Programme, OECD*

Training Session (10:00 – 11:15)

* **A Euro-Mediterranean Legal and Arbitral Community : Some Preliminary Reflexions on its Existence or the Possibilities Thereof**

10:00/10:30 – Mr. Georges Abi-Saab, *Honorary Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland – Egypt*

* **UNCITRAL's Work in the Field of International Commercial Arbitration**

10:30/10:50 – Mr. Michael Schneider, *Founding Partner, Lalive, Honorary President of Swiss Arbitration Association, Switzerland; Vice-President, UNCITRAL (48th Session – 2015)*

10:50/11:10 – Debate

11:10/11:30 – Break

The Practice of International Commercial Arbitration in the Euro-Mediterranean Area (11:30 – 13:00)

Chair: Mr. Mauro Rubino-Sammartano, *President, European Court of Arbitration, Italy*

* **Focus: The Use of Public Policy Exceptions by the MENA Courts**

11:35/11:50 - Mr. Ibrahim Najjar, *Professor of Law and former Lebanon Minister of Justice, Lebanon*

11:50/12:00 - Mr. Ismail Selim, *Lawyer, Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution at Al Tamimi and Co., Cairo Office, Egypt*

* **Regional Initiatives in International Commercial Arbitration**

12:00/12:10 - Mrs. Chafika Bensaoula, *Director, Legal Studies and Documentation Department, Algeria*

12:10/12:20 - Mr. Stefano Azzali, *Secretary General, Milan Chamber of Arbitration; Director, ISPRAMED, Italy*

12:20/12:30 - Mr. Hassan Alami, *President, Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre, Morocco*

12:30/12:40 - Mr. Antonio Sánchez-Pedreño, *Chairman, Madrid Court of Arbitration, Spain*

12:40/13:00 – Debate

Official Lunch (13:00 – 14:30)

Investment Framework in the Euro-Mediterranean Area (14:30 – 17:45)

Chair: **Mr. Filali Osman**, *Professor of Law, Former Adviser to Government, CRJFC, Univ. of Franche-Comté, Univ. of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, Research Associate at CDACI (Univ. of Montreal) and CREDIMI (Univ. of Bourgogne)*

* Focus on Investment Arbitration in the Relations between EU and MENA Countries - Impact of the Current TTIP Negotiations on the Investment Policies between EU and MENA Countries

14:35/14:50 - **Mr. Mohamed Shelbaya**, *Counsel, Shearman & Sterling LLP, France*

* Arbitration and Investment: Issues and Challenges

14:50/15:00 - **Mr. Walid Ben Hamida**, *Professor, University of Evry, IEP Paris, France - Tunisia*

* The Magnitude of Investment Arbitration involving Egypt

15:00/15:10 – **Mr. Ahmed S. El Kosheri**, *Professor; Senior Partner of Kosheri, Rashed and Riad Law Firm; Chairman of CRCICA Advisory Committee, Egypt*

15:10/15:20 - **Mrs. Fatma Khalifa**, *Counselor, Foreign Disputes and Litigation Department, Egyptian State Lawsuits Authority, Egypt*

* The Changing Landscape of Investment Arbitration: An Interim Flash or A Global Backlash?

15:20/15:30 – **Mr. Mohamed S. Abdel Wahab**, *Professor, Cairo University; Founding Partner and Head of International Arbitration, Zulficar and Partners; Vice-President, ICC International Court of Arbitration*

15:30/15:50 – Debate

15:50/16:10 – Break

* Current Trends : Negotiation of Investment Treaties at a Regional Level

16:20/16:30 - **Mr. Sami Houerbi**, *Director ICC Arbitration & ADR, Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa, Dubai/ Tunis – Partner Houerbi Law Firm, Tunisia*

16:30/16:40 - **Mr. Karim Hafez**, *International Arbitrator, Lawyer and Professor of Law, American University in Cairo, Egypt*

* Protection and Processes of Arbitration under MENA Regional Investment Treaties

16:45/17:00 - **Mr. Nassib Ziadé**, *CEO, Bahrain Dispute Resolution Chamber, Bahrain*

* Transparency in Investment Arbitration

17:00/17:10 - **Mrs. Anna Joubin-Bret**, *International Investment Lawyer, Joubin-Bret Law Firm, France*

17:10/17:20 - **Mrs. Rabab Yasseen**, *Attorney-at-law, Mentha & Partners, Switzerland*

17:20/17:45 – Debate

Closing Remarks (17:45 – 18:00)

17:45/17:55 - **Mr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf**, *Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), Egypt*

17:55/18:00 - **Mr. Olivier de Saint-Lager**, *Senior Counsellor, Co-Chair of the OECD Working Group on Investment Security in MENA Region, OECD*