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Second Annual WTO Conference

Dispute Resolution and the WTO Constitution

London, Wednesday 15 May 2002

The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), the Georgetown University Institute of International Economic Law (IIEL), Journal of Economic Law, the London Forum for International Economic and Development Law, and the International Financial Law Unit (IFLU), Queen Mary, University of London are organising the *Second Annual WTO Conference* at Senate House, University of London on 15 May 2002.

The *Second Annual WTO Conference* will be co-chaired by Advocate General Francis Jacobs and Professor John H. Jackson. It will focus on the WTO dispute settlement process and its evolving jurisprudence. Conference panels will be on topics relating to subjects such as deference and sovereignty, reforms needed, relationship of the dispute settlement process to the diplomatic and negotiating activities of the WTO (including the Doha Work Programme), and compliance problems.

On Thursday 16 and Friday 17 May the *Second Annual Conference on International and Comparative Competition Law* takes place at the British Institute. A further seminar on the Doha Work Programme, organised with the London Forum for International Economic and Development Law, and the International Financial Law Unit (IFLU), Queen Mary, University of London takes place in the Institute's Library on Thursday 16 May.

0900 1000 Registration

Opening comment

1000-1130 Panel I: Jurisprudential Principles of the WTO Dispute Resolution System: *Reviewing the work of the Appellate Body: relationship to general international law; the Vienna Convention on Treaties Articles 31 and 32; a textual approach and its problems; evolving interpretations; questions of deference to national authorities.*

Chair: **Advocate General Francis Jacobs**

Speakers: **Professor Dr Meinhard Hilf**, University of Hamburg
Professor Peter van den Bossche, University of Maastricht, The Netherlands
Professor Donald McRae, University of Ottawa, CCIL

Commentators: **Professor Asif Qureshi**, University of Manchester
Florentino Feliciano, Former WTO Appellate Body, Member - discretionary comments

1130-1200 Coffee Break

1200-1330 Panel II: Compliance

Compliance rule problems. Problems in using sanctions. Time delay. National legal implementation.

Chair: **Dr Mads Andenas**, BIICL

Speakers: **Marco Bronckers**, Stibbe, Brussels, Belgium
Piet Eeckhout, King's College, London

Professor Chi Charmody, University of Western Ontario

1330 1430 Lunch

1430 1600 Panel III: Reforms Needed and Proposals

Reform of First Level Panel. Reform of the Appellate Body. Timetable for Reform.

Chair: **Professor William Davey**, University of Illinois

Speakers: **Andy Shoyer**, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, Washington DC
Professor Jacques Bourgeois, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP, Brussels

Professor Thomas Cottier, University of Bern

Commentators: **Joost Pauwelyn**, World Trade Organisation

Heba Shams, University of Queen Mary Westfield

Dr Danesh Sarooshi, University College London

Mitsuo Matsushita, Former WTO Appellate Body, discretionary comments

1600 1615 Coffee Break

1615 1745 Panel IV: Implications for the Dispute Settlement System of the Present Trends of the WTO

Chair: **Professor John H. Jackson**

Speakers: **Professor Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann**, European University Institute, Florence (Addressing the Human Rights Linkage)
Deborah Cass, London School of Economics (China Membership)
Professor Chris McCrudden, University of Oxford (Labour)
Joanne Scott, Cambridge University (Environment)
Cherise Valles, Advisory Centre on WTO Law, Switzerland

1745 1845 Closing Session – overall views and discussion

Chair: **Professor John Jackson**

Reception and Dinner

Key-note speaker: **Claus-Dieter Ehlermann**, European University Institute, Florence, former Appellate Body Member:

The Evolving WTO Constitution and the Tensions between the Dispute Settlement Processes and the Diplomatic and Treaty-Making Activities of the WTO.

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Registration form

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Please reserve places for the Second Annual WTO Conference, Dispute Resolution and the WTO Constitution London, Wednesday 15 May 2002

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