Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE QC, has been appointed as President of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law

The British Institute of International and Comparative Law is delighted to announce the appointment of Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE QC as its new President. She succeeds the late Rt Hon Lord Bingham of Cornhill KG.

Dame Rosalyn Higgins is one of the most eminent international lawyers of her, or any, generation. She served as a judge of the International Court of Justice from 1995 to 2009, having been elected by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. She was President of the International Court from 2006 to 2009. Dame Rosalyn was previously a distinguished academic and practicing public international lawyer, having been Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) from 1981 to 1995, after a number of earlier distinguished academic positions. She practiced International Law at the English Bar, being appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1986 and elected a Bencher of Inner Temple in 1989. She has had a long association with the Institute, having been its Vice-President for many years and formerly the chair of its Public International Law Advisory Committee.

On the appointment of Dame Rosalyn Higgins DBE QC, Professor Robert McCorquodale, the Institute Director, said:

‘We are extremely honoured and delighted to welcome such an eminent figure as President of the Institute. Dame Rosalyn has shown a lifelong commitment to upholding the principles of international law. I am delighted that the Institute can continue to call on the outstanding experience of the highest level of the legal community to support and guide us in our mission to advance the understanding of international and comparative law; to promote the rule of law in international affairs; and to promote their application through research, publications and events.’

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Note for Editors

1. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law continues a mission first begun in 1895: to advance the understanding of international and comparative law; to promote the rule of law in international affairs; and to promote their application through research, publications and events.

As an independent legal research institute with charitable status, unaffiliated to any university, the Institute is the only body of its sort in the UK. The Institute creates a diverse community of scholars and practitioners and serves as an unrivalled focal point for its substantial membership base.

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