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Statement for Election to the Steering Committee of the ISDS Academic Forum

I have focused my work on ISDS for over twenty years, as an academic and before also as a practitioner. I believe the process of ISDS reform is exceptionally important, and the academy can play a fundamental role in ensuring needed reform by providing unbiased, unique and excellent research. I am seeking to join the Steering Committee of the Academic Forum (AF), an organization that I joined at its very inception, because I believe I can further help fostering and developing its excellent work and involvement in ISDS reform, and more specifically because:

- 1. I am uniquely qualified: I have excellent knowledge of ISDS and know the issues and criticisms it faces well. I have published numerous books, chapters and articles on this subject. I have also followed ISDS WGIII reform closely from the beginning and have been closely involved with the development of the draft Code of Conduct for Adjudicators in ISDS;
- 2. I have excellent management and organization skills and I think I can contribute well with both the planning of the work of the AF and its delivery, as well as with the development of the AF as an organization. I also enjoy working in teams and collaborate with others and I will be able to foster an atmosphere a mutual collaboration and trust in the Committee and AF members;
- 3. I am available and ready to work on the AF behalf. I am motivated and ready to support its mission;
- 4. I have ideas and a vision of what the AF can do, and I think its role in support of UNCITRAL and ISDS reform is unique and exceptionally valuable. I am eager to see its continue success and ensure its growth.

Thank you for your support and for voting for me for this election!

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