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Re: ISDS Academic Forum Elections to the Steering Committee

I hereby submit my application for member of the ISDS Academic Forum ('AF') Steering Committee.

I joined the ISDS AF in 2018 and I participated in the first round of papers on the ISDS Reform, subsequently published in the [2020] *Journal of World Investment & Trade* 21, 300–335. I continued to be involved in the ISDS AF and have participated in the works of the following publications.

I have been attending the works of the UNCITRAL Working Group III since 2018, on behalf of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, as co-chair of its UNCITRAL Taskforce.

I would be privileged to join my distinguished colleagues in the Steering Committee and to bring my contribution to the work of the ISDS AF. As we expect another five years of the UNCITRAL Working Group III works, and with the increasing complexity of the stage of the discussions, and approaching the concrete proposals for the texts reflecting the contemplated reforms, the role of the ISDS AF is expected to increase. Intricate questions which require holistic approaches and specialist input, such as the means of implementing the suggested reforms, will soon need concrete answers. The ISDS AF is better placed to provide objective and complete input to the UNCITRAL Secretariat on such complex questions.

Beyond the role in the UNCITRAL Working Group III, the ISDS AF may explore opportunities of building scholarship and raising awareness (targeting States, NGOs, academics, media etc.) of ISDS, broadly.

It is important to highlight here that the ISDS AF has a voice and this is an achievement which must be celebrated and taken forward.

Best regards,

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