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Nomination Statement – 2021 Election to Steering Committee, ISDS Academic Forum

Dear Colleagues,

By way of brief introduction, my name is Martin Jarrett. I am a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law and an External Lecturer at the University of Heidelberg. For all the other details relating to my academic background, please refer to this [link](#).

I have been nominated to stand in the 2021 election to the Steering Committee of the ISDS Academic Forum. I very happily and willingly accept this nomination.

Prior Contributions to ISDS Reform Process

Over the past few years, I have contributed in numerous ways to the ISDS reform process:

- Along with fellow ISDS Academic Forum members Sergio Puig and Steven Ratner, I co-authored 'ISDS Concept Paper 2021/16' on investor accountability. An article based on this paper was recently published in the *Journal of International Dispute Settlement*.
- I attend the sessional meetings of UNCITRAL Working Group III as part of the delegation of the Max Planck Society (non-governmental organisation with observer status).
- I have proposed to establish a new working group on the role of precedent in ISDS.
- I have secured EUR 56,000 worth of funding (Volkswagen Foundation) for a workshop on 'Africa and the Multilateral Investment Court'. This workshop will bring together scholars, mainly from Africa, and government officials.

Future Contributions to ISDS Academic Forum

If elected to the Steering Committee, I would work towards:

- Creating new opportunities for all members to contribute to the reform process. In this respect, my intention is to leverage the resources of my employer (the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law) to hold events, such as conferences and workshops, that would connect members with other stakeholders in the reform process, such as government officials.
- Continuing the engagement with the team at the UNCITRAL Secretariat. As the reform process moves deeper into the drafting phase over the next few years, the expertise of the members of the Forum will become more important. Drawing up plans to make this expertise available to the UNCITRAL Secretariat will be a priority. For this purpose, I can draw on my existing relationships with those people who work there.

Many thanks for considering my nomination.

Yours sincerely,

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