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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Fifth International Conference on International Environmental Law, 8-9 December 2001, at ISIL

The Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) was founded in 1959 to "foster nation wide, the study and development of International Law and to encourage the comparative study of the application of International Law in other States". ISIL has published the *Indian Journal of International Law* since its inception, and has a good specialized library, which is used by scholars from all over India. Its teaching wing, the Indian Academy of International Law & Diplomacy, runs Post-Graduate Diploma courses in International Law & Diplomacy, International Trade and Business Law, and Human Rights, International Humanitarian and Refugee Laws. It organizes Annual Conferences and seminars on international legal issues of contemporary interest. It conducts and promotes independent research on issues of International Law. It also organizes every year a summer course in international law for students and general public, and moot courts. Holding international conferences on diverse fields of contemporary concern have become a standard and popular feature of ISIL.

ISIL held its First International Conference on "*International Law in the New Millennium: Problems and Challenges Ahead*" in New Delhi from 4 to 7 October 2001. The Conference was inaugurated by the then President of India K. R Narayanan and attended by nearly 350 participants, including UN officials and scholars from abroad.

Its Second International Law Conference took place from 14 to 11 November 2004 in New Delhi. About 550 delegates participated in this conference, including 60 delegates from abroad.

The Third International Conference on *The Emerging Trends in International Criminal Jurisprudence* was organised by the ISIL on 10-11 December 2005.

The Fourth International Conference on Private International Law was held by ISIL on 2 & 3 December 2006.

ISIL has decided to organize its Fifth International Conference on "*International Environmental Law*" on 8-9 December 2007. The objective of the Conference is to take stock of the emerging trends in International and National Environmental Law. The nexus between the emerging trends in environmental laws, at the national and international levels, indicates that the struggle for a healthy and sustainable environment is a struggle for changing the whole society itself. Basic values, attitude, approaches, promises and priorities and lifestyles are being called into question. The fifth international conference plans to reinvigorate themes that have generated lively discourses among policy and opinion makers, such as (I) General Principles of International Environmental Law, (II) Emerging International Environmental Regimes and Indian National Policy, (III) Environment and Sustainable Development, and (IV) Enforcement of International and National Environmental Law.

ISIL cordially invites you to participate in the conference and contribute a paper on any issue touching the general themes. Your expertise in the field, I firmly believe, will enrich the conference deliberations. I would be grateful if you could consider and positively respond to this invitation at the earliest.

With kind regards,

Yours

(Rahmatullah Khan)
Secretary General