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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Eighth International Conference on **Emerging Concerns in Public International Law**,
23-25 February 2012 at the Indian Society of International Law

The Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) was founded in 1959 at the initiative of Shri V. Krishna Menon and inaugurated in the same year by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India. The ISIL has been publishing *the Indian Journal of International Law* since its inception, which is held in high esteem the world over. The ISIL has also a good library, which is used by scholars from all over India. The ISIL organizes annual conferences and seminars on international issues of contemporary interest. The teaching wing of the ISIL, the Indian Academy of International Law & Diplomacy, runs post-graduate diploma courses in various branches of international law. It also organizes every year a Summer Course in International Law for students and a UGC Refresher programme in International Law for law teachers.

The 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, Shri 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 17 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 and the **Fifth International Conference on "International Environmental Law"** on 8-9 December 2007.

The ISIL has celebrated its 50 Years of establishment in February 2009. The year-long Golden Jubilee Celebrations have witnessed a number of special lectures by eminent scholars of international law, seminars, round table discussions, etc. The highlight of these activities was the **Sixth International Conference on International Law in the Contemporary World**, held on 1-4 February 2009 which was attended by eminent international law scholars from a number of countries. The ISIL also organized its **Seventh International Conference on "Legal Regimes of Sea, Antarctica, Air and Space"** on 15-17 January 2010.

The ISIL decided to organize its **Eighth International Conference on "Emerging Concerns in Public International Law"** on 23 to 25 February 2012. The objective of the

Conference is to highlight and discuss the emerging legal concerns in public international law and put on record the Indian scholars' thinking/views on it. In recent years, some core principles and norms of public international law have been challenged/ and attempts have been made to reformulate norms and institutions to perpetuate hegemonies and other attendant evils associated therewith. The Eighth International Conference plans to reinvigorate themes that have generated lively discourses among policy- and- opinion makers & academicians such as **(I) Intervention and International Law, (II) ICC and the Crime of Aggression, (III) Prohibition on Torture and Enforced Disappearance, and (IV) Nagoya Protocol and ABS of Genetic Resources.**

The ISIL cordially invites you to participate in the conference and contribute a paper on issues touching any of the above 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 latest by 1 February 2012.

Looking forward to your positive response in this regard.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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