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ASIL CENTENNIAL REGIONAL MEETING AT NORTHWESTERN

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) has designated the following conference as one of several Centennial Regional Meetings being held throughout the U.S. this year in honor of the Society's 100th anniversary.

Event: *A Symposium on the Humanitarian Crises in Darfur and the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

When: October 6, 2006

Where: Northwestern University, Wieboldt Hall, Room 540, 339 E. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL

Who: Organized by ASIL members and Northwestern University School of Law professors David Scheffer and Stephen Sawyer

Background: High-profile academicians, government and corporate representatives, and human rights advocates from the U.S. and Europe will gather for this symposium. Participants will address the human rights abuses against civilians over a period of years in Darfur, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo and will evaluate the response of the international community to those crises. Panel topics will

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focus on recommendations along three tracks: humanitarian, security, and judicial.

Conference panelists will focus attention on the human rights abuses and call for concrete action to redress the wrongs, analyzing in the process the roles of the United Nations, the African Union, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, humanitarian organizations, governments, national courts, and the International Criminal Court. For a complete conference schedule, visit

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/news/fall06/humanrightssymposium.html>. To register as a member of the press, email Professor Scheffer (d-scheffer@law.northwestern.edu) or Professor Sawyer (s-sawyer@law.northwestern.edu).

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