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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **ASIL COSPONSORS 8<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL HAGUE JOINT CONFERENCE**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL), in cooperation with the Foundation “The Hague Joint Conferences on International Law”, the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht (Dutch branch of the International Law Association), and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, will cosponsor *The 2007 Hague Joint Conference on Contemporary Issues of International Law*. The conference will take place from Thursday, **June 28, 2007**, through Saturday, **June 30, 2007**, at the Steigenberger Kurhaus Hotel in The Hague, the Netherlands. Members of the press are invited to attend by registering with Asser Instituut Press Officer Philip van Tongeren at + 31 (0)6 1034 1080 or [ph.van.tongeren@asser.nl](mailto:ph.van.tongeren@asser.nl).

More than 250 international experts are expected to participate in the three-day conference, with key note addresses by Mr. **Luis Moreno Ocampo**, Chief Prosecutor of the ICC, and Dr. **Ernst Hirsch Ballin**, Minister of Justice of the Netherlands. Prof. **Michael Scharf** serves as the ASIL co-chair for this eighth bi-annual gathering, and ASIL members will participate as panelists throughout the program.

This year's meeting theme, *Criminal Jurisdiction 100 years after the 1907 Hague Peace Conference*, honors the occasion when, one century ago, 46 of the world's leading nations met at The Hague to discuss possible rules of conduct in modern warfare. Their conference, better known as The 1907 Hague Peace Conference, laid the foundation for large parts of present day international criminal law and ultimately led to the creation of the International Criminal Court. The 2007 conference will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this first and major step on the road towards international peace and justice with presentations and panels on the following topics.

- International Humanitarian Intervention in the Post-September 11 Era (featuring ASIL President **José Alvarez**)
- Effective Remedies for All: Universalizing the Battle Against Impunity
- Defining, Suppressing, and Trying Genocide
- Need for a Comprehensive Anti-Terrorism Convention
- Head of State Immunity for Former Leaders
- Truth Commissions, Accountability, and the International Criminal Court
- Judicial Review of Internationally-enacted Anti-terror Measures: Problems and Prospects
- Corporate Liability for Human Rights Crimes
- Cross-fire Discussions of Lessons Learned from the Trials of Slobodan Milosevic, Charles Taylor, and Saddam Hussein
- The Plundering of Natural Resources and Destruction of the Environment in Times of Armed Conflict
- The Future of the International Criminal Court

- Dealing with Present-day Conduct of Hostilities

To view the full conference program visit [www.asser.nl/hjc](http://www.asser.nl/hjc). Following the meeting, T.M.C. Asser Press will publish the conference proceedings as part of their well established *Hague Joint Conferences Series*.

ASIL events generally deal with one of the Society's seven thematic focal areas: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Institutions, International Law and Development, International Security, Science and Technology, Trade and Investment, and Transnational Litigation and Arbitration.

ASIL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization. It was founded in 1906, chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1950, and has held Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 1993. ASIL's mission is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. The Society's 4,000 members (from nearly 100 countries) comprise attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students, and others interested in international law. For more information, visit [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org).