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ASIL TASK FORCE ISSUES REPORT

ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law’s (ASIL) independent Task Force on U.S. Policy Toward the International Criminal Court (ICC) will issue its report at a press conference on **Friday, March 27, 2009, 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Lisagor Room of the National Press Club, 529 14th St, NW, Washington, DC.**

The Task Force, created this past fall, is chaired by former Legal Advisor to the State Department and Deputy Secretary of Defense **William H. Taft, IV**, and former U.S. federal appellate and International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) Judge **Patricia M. Wald**. Other members of the Task Force are former Congressman **Mickey Edwards**, Vanderbilt Law School Professor **Michael A. Newton**, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice **Sandra Day O’Connor**, former International Court of Justice President **Stephen M. Schwebel**, former Deputy Prosecutor of the ICTY **David Tolbert**, and Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies Professor **Ruth Wedgwood**. (All members except O’Connor, Schwebel, and Wedgwood will be present at the press conference.) Copies of the report, which will recommend that

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President Obama announce a policy of positive engagement with the ICC, will be available at the news conference.

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