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UN RAPPORTEUR ASSESSES US COUNTER-TERRORISM PRACTICES

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) will host a lunch presentation by Martin Scheinin, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Protecting Human Rights While Countering Terrorism. *Protecting Human Rights and Countering Terrorism* will take place Wednesday, **October 31, 2007, 12:30-2:30 pm** (ET), at ASIL headquarters, **2223 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC.**

Scheinin's remarks will focus on his forthcoming report regarding U.S. law and practice in the fight against terrorism. ASIL member **Ken Anderson**, Professor at American University's Washington College of Law and member of the Hoover Institution Task Force on National Security and Law, will provide a critical assessment of Scheinin's findings and recommendations.

Members of the press and public are invited to attend this free event by registering at www.asil.org/event1031.

In May 2007, at the invitation of the US Government, Scheinin conducted an official visit to the United States and began undertaking an assessment of US law and practice in counter-terrorism. Specifically, one of the purposes of his visit was to identify

and disseminate best practices in countering terrorism while still protecting human rights. Scheinin will present his report to the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on October 29, 2007. **The October 31st ASIL event is his only public presentation scheduled for Washington, DC.**

ASIL events, such as *Protecting Human Rights and Countering Terrorism*, 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.

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