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**ASIL AND OECD SIGN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL LAW**

WASHINGTON, DC – On April 7 2018, the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and the Organisation for International Co-operation and Development (OECD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will serve as a basis for cooperation on legal issues ranging from anti-corruption and responsible business conduct to cybersecurity, data protection, migration, and regulatory standard-setting.

The MOU will enable the two organizations to develop joint programs and initiatives in these and other areas and to deepen the connections among legal scholars, practitioners and policy makers worldwide.

The MOU was signed at a ceremony during the Society's 112th Annual Meeting by outgoing ASIL President Lucinda A. Low and Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and G20 Sherpa. President Low said: "This exciting new partnership will enrich both organizations and increase our impact as we work to serve our mission by strengthening international legal norms."

ASIL President Sean D. Murphy, who took office at the conclusion of the meeting, hailed the agreement: "The Society looks forward to working closely with OECD over the coming months to realize the full potential of this new agreement."

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Among other things, the two organizations have agreed to participate in fact-finding missions; publish joint reports; organize joint forums, workshops and seminars; and for ASIL to contribute to periodic reviews and updates of OECD instruments.

ASIL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization. It was founded in 1906, chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1950, and has held Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council 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 nearly 4,000 members from more than 100 countries comprise scholars, jurists, practitioners, government officials, leaders in international and nongovernmental organizations, students, and others interested in international law. For more information, visit www.asil.org.