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invite

*Judges, Regulators & Justice Officials
who have an interest in Judicial Co-operation
and the development and improvement of
laws dealing with insolvency proceedings including
Multinational and Cross-Border Insolvencies,
Rehabilitations, Reconstructions and Bankruptcies*

to the

SEVENTH MULTINATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLOQUIUM ON INSOLVENCY

Cape Town, South Africa

Cape Town International Convention Centre
17th and 18th March 2007

Multinational Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency, Cape Town

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Since 1995, INSOL International and UNCITRAL have jointly sponsored a series of unique and important international Judicial Colloquiums. Through these Colloquiums, judges, regulators and judicial officials have been brought together to consider a wide range of insolvency-related issues. These issues have included judicial co-operation in cases of cross-border insolvency, access to courts by insolvency practitioners and recognition of insolvency administrations by foreign courts.

The Judicial Colloquiums have taken place in Toronto in March 1995; New Orleans in March 1997 alongside the INSOL World Congress; Munich in October 1999, and in July 2001, the Fourth multinational Judicial Colloquium took place in London prior to the Sixth INSOL World Congress. The Fifth colloquium was held in Las Vegas, September 2002 and the Sixth colloquium in Sydney, March 2005 prior to the Seventh INSOL World Congress.

The World Bank has held Global Judges Forums in Malibu, CA, 2003, Rio de Janeiro (June 2004), Washington, DC in (November 2004) and Buenos Aires (June 2006). The Forums have reviewed the institutional and regulatory framework of commercial insolvency systems and has worked towards developing a set of principles and recommendations for commercial courts and insolvency proceedings including: (1) the role of courts; (2) judicial selection, qualification, training and performance; (3) court organisation and efficiency; (4) transparency and accountability; (5) judicial decision making, enforcement of orders, and creating a body of jurisprudence; and (6) the system integrity. The Forum has recently addressed mediation and arbitration in insolvency proceedings, delegation of judicial functions and court-to-court communication in cross-border commercial and insolvency cases.

The World Bank has now joined with INSOL and UNCITRAL to present the Seventh Multinational Judicial Colloquium on Insolvency, which will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2007, prior to the INSOL Cape Town Conference. We invite and encourage you to send judges, regulators and justice officials who deal with insolvency and bankruptcy matters to the Colloquium. This meeting will consider the methods and processes of judicial co-operation in insolvency matters and the continued importance of resource development and judicial training especially in the light of new laws and regulations affecting insolvency and bankruptcy.

The Colloquium has always had great support and we would expect in the region of 75 judges from more than 50 nations.

There will be simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish.

There is a nominal charge of £200 for each attendee towards the costs of lunches, dinner on the 17th March and refreshments, in addition to which delegates are responsible for their own hotel and travel costs. Each attendee should complete a copy of the enclosed form. We will forward to the attendees the details regarding the arrangements.

We encourage those attending the Colloquium to also enrol for the INSOL Cape Town Conference, which takes place from the 19th to 20th March 2007.

Programme

The programme on Saturday 17th March and Sunday 18th March will work to the following agenda:

- Judicial co-operation : consideration of the report of the UNCITRAL Expert Group on Judicial Co-operation
- Resource development including judicial training
- Use of alternative dispute resolution techniques including arbitration and mediation
- An update on legal developments and law reform
- Updates on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency, the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law and the World Bank Principles

On Sunday, 18th March 2007, there will be an evaluation of the proceedings by senior judges from jurisdictions with differing local systems.

To facilitate discussions and to assist delegates, the meeting is restricted to judges, regulators and justice officials. Applications for attendance by other professionals will not be accepted. Papers and discussions other than the evaluation are not published and all discussions are confidential.

The following evaluations are available on the INSOL website at www.insol.org:

- First Judicial Colloquium - Toronto, March 1995
 - Second Judicial Colloquium - New Orleans, March 1997
 - Third Judicial Colloquium - Munich, October 1999
 - Fourth Judicial Colloquium - London, July 2001
 - Fifth Judicial Colloquium - Las Vegas, September 2003
 - Sixth Judicial Colloquium - Sydney, March 2005
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The following UNCITRAL documents are available on the UNCITRAL web site at www.uncitral.org in the 6 official languages of the United Nations:

UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (under UNCITRAL texts and status/insolvency)

UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law (under UNCITRAL texts and status/insolvency)

A/CN.9/597 Developments in insolvency law: adoption and interpretation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency and developments in interpretation of “centre of main interests” in the European Union (see documents for the 39th session of the Commission, 2006)

A/CN.9/580 Developments in insolvency law: adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency; use of cross-border protocols and court to court communication guidelines; and case law on interpretation of the “centre of main interests” and “establishment” in the European Union (see documents for the 38th session of the Commission, 2005)

A/CN.9/580/Add.2 Developments in insolvency law: adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency (see documents for the 38th session of the Commission, 2005)

A/CN.9/554 Report on the 5th UNCITRAL-INSOL Judicial Colloquium on Cross-Border Insolvency, 2003 (see documents for the 37th session of the Commission, 2004)

A/CN.9/518 Report on the 4th UNCITRAL-INSOL Judicial Colloquium on Cross-Border Insolvency, 2001 (see documents for the 35th session of the Commission, 2002)

A/CN.9/413 Report on the 1st UNCITRAL-INSOL Judicial Colloquium on Cross-Border Insolvency (see documents for the 28th session of the Commission, 1995)

The following Reports of the World Bank Global Judges Forum are available on the World Bank Global Insolvency Law Database at www.worldbank.org/gild

Global Judges Forum 2003, Malibu, USA, May 2003

Global Judges Forum 2004, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2004

Global Judges Forum 2005, Washington, USA, November 2004

Global Judges Forum 2006, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 2006

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