

## **COMMUNIQUE**

2 July 2010

The Members of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal appointed by The Islamic Republic of Iran and the Members appointed by the United States of America have unanimously appointed Professor Hans van Houtte, a third-country Member of the Tribunal since 21 June 2010, as the President of the Tribunal effective 2 July 2010. He succeeds the late President Krzysztof Skubiszewski.

Professor van Houtte has had an outstanding career in international arbitration as well as in academic life. He has been appointed arbitrator by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the American Arbitration Association, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the European Development Fund, the Belgian Arbitration Institute, the Polish Chamber of Foreign Trade, the Vienna Arbitration Centre, the United Nations and the Geneva Chamber of International Commerce. He has served as a Member of the Real Property Claims Commission (Bosnia), as a Member of the United Nations Compensation Commission, as Arbitrator and Senior Judge at the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Bank Accounts, and most recently as President of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission.

Professor van Houtte is Professor of Arbitration at KU Leuven Law School and has also taught International Public Law, International Private Law, and International Business Law. He is the author of numerous publications on international law, international trade law, contract law, and dispute resolution, including arbitration.