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COMMUNIQUE

**The Iran-United States Claims Tribunal
appoints a new Secretary-General**

The President and Members of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal have decided unanimously to appoint Mr. Christiaan Mark Johan Kröner to be Secretary-General of the Tribunal with effect from 1 January 2012.

Mr. Kröner, who holds an advanced law degree from Leiden University, has served as Netherlands Ambassador in Tel Aviv, Rome, Paris and Washington, and has represented The Netherlands in several international institutions. Since 2008 he has been the Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and has overseen the continued expansion of that organization and its work.

In addition to his native Dutch, Mr. Kröner speaks English, French, German and Italian.

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