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Program

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome and Opening Greetings

H.E. Dr. Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States ; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Egypt

H.E. Adel Abdel Hamid, Minister of Justice, Egypt

H.E. Claudio Pacifico, Italian Ambassador to Egypt, Italy

H.E. Giovanni Castellaneta, Ambassador, President ISPRAMED, Italy

Dr. Mohamed Abdel Raouf, Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Egypt

Morning Session

This first session introduces the conference's theme dealing with several questions: what do we mean when we talk of independence and impartiality? Do these concepts mean the same things at different latitudes? How can they affect the efficacy of arbitration? Is a code of ethics for arbitrators a requirement? How do the IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration support the concept of independence and impartiality? Is the neutrality of party-appointed arbitrators a myth or a reality?

10.00 – 11.00 Independence and Impartiality of arbitrators: a theoretical and practical outlook

Introductory remarks

Charles Jarrosson, Professor of Law, University Panthéon Assas Paris II, France

International trends

Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi, Professor of Law, University of Bologna, Italy

Regional trends

Mohamed Salah Abdel Wahab, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Cairo University; Partner, Zulficar and Partners Law Firm, Egypt

11.00 – 11.20 Q&A

11.20 – 11.40 Coffee break



11.40 – 12.20 The practice of Arbitral Institutions

The Milan Chamber of Arbitration

Stefano Azzali, Secretary General, Milan Chamber of Arbitration

The Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration

Mohamed Raouf, Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International commercial Arbitration

12.20 – 13.00 Open floor for discussion and comments from the audience

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

Afternoon Session

The perception and approach to the topics in discussion can be different depending on the role played in an arbitration proceedings. That assuming, this session aims at testing the reactions of the arbitration's players to the concepts and practices previously presented in the wake of their experiences for a very practice oriented debate.

14.30 – 16.00 Round table moderated by Mohamed Raouf

Independence and impartiality from different perspectives (arbitrators, counsels, parties, State courts, institutions)

Ahmed El Kosheri, Senior Partner, Kosheri, Rashed and Riad Law Firm, Egypt

Georges Abi-Saab, Honorary Professor of International Law Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva; Member (and former Chairman) of the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Karim Hafez, Principal of Hafez law office ; Visiting Professor of Law at the American University in Cairo, Egypt

Hussein Marei, Corporate Legal Counsel Orascom Construction Industries (OCI), Egypt

Borhan Amrallah, Former Chief Justice of Cairo and Assiut High Court of Appeal; Former Assistant Minister of Justice for International Cooperation & Arbitration, Egypt

Ergun Ozsunay, Law Professor and Legal Adviser, Chamber of Commerce of Istanbul, Turkey

Farid Ben Belkacem, Arbitration Committee's member, Centre of Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration, Algerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Algeria

16.00 – 16.20 Q&A

16.20 – 16.30 ISPRAMED's proposals by Charles Jarrosson



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Date

29 April 2012

Venue

Teeba Conferences Room, Semiramis Intercontinental Hotel, Corniche el Nil, Cairo.

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120 USD. The registration fee includes participation in the conference, conference materials, coffee break and lunch. Anything else not mentioned is not included.

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Hotel Novotel Cairo El Borg ****