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Rüdiger Wolfrum, Director of the Max Planck Institute in Heidelberg, Joins The Advisory Council of The ILF

New York, NY -- The ILF, a New York based not-for-profit organization, assists post-conflict countries set up effective public defender systems guaranteeing quality legal services to the indigent. The ILF currently has programs in Afghanistan, ILF-Afghanistan, and Nepal, ILF-Nepal.

The ILF is pleased to announce that Professor Rüdiger Wolfrum has joined its Advisory Council. Among his many other activities, Prof. Wolfrum serves as the Director of the Heidelberg Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. The ILF has worked closely with the Max Planck Institute through its workshops and seminars in Afghanistan and is honored to Prof. Wolfrum joined the organization.

Rüdiger Wolfrum was born in Berlin and studied law at the Universities of Bonn and Tübingen. He was elected President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in 2005 to 2008 where he has served as a judge since 1996. He was reelected as a judge for the period 2008 to 2017. He is a Professor of International Law at the University of Heidelberg and Director of the Heidelberg Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. Professor Wolfrum is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Hamburg and has taught law at the Universities of Mainz, Kiel, Heidelberg and the University of Minnesota. He has served on the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and is currently the UN mediator for Darfur. He received the honorary doctorate degree of the

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Academy of Sciences, Moscow and is honorary member of the Mongolia Academy of Sciences.

Professor Wolfrum joins the distinguished members of the ILF Advisory Council consisting of: Allan Rock, President of the University of Ottawa and Canada's former ambassador to the United Nations; Eric Fischl, contemporary artist who has exhibited his work at the Whitney Museum, MOMA, Smithsonian, Rockefeller Center, Museum Haus Esters in Germany and countless galleries around the world; Vivien Stern, Senior Research Fellow at the International Centre for Prison Studies (ICPS) at King's College, London, Honorary President of Penal Reform International (PRI), and author of *Bricks of Shame: Britain's Prisons, A Sin Against the Future*; Juan E. Mendez, an Argentine lawyer and academic who served as the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide and currently President of the International Center for Transitional Justice in New York City; and Colin Gonsalves, Executive Director of the Human Rights Law Network and a pioneer in public interest law in India.

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