High Level Event
on the Reform of Investment Protection
Brussels, 22 November 2018

Program

9h30: Introductory statement by H.E. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

9h40: Keynote speech: ‘setting the stage’ by Cecilia Malmström, European Commissioner for Trade

10h00: Meg Kinnear, Secretary-General at the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

10h10: Anna Joubin-Bret, Director of the International Trade Law Division at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

10h20: Panel session 1: Rationale for Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) Reform
• James Zhan, Senior Director of Investment and Enterprise at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
• Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
• Pierre d’Argent, Professor of Public International Law at Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

10h40: Q & A

11h00: Coffee break

11h20: Panel session 2: Perspectives for a Multilateral Investment Court (MIC)
• Loukas Mistelis, Professor of Transnational Law and Arbitration and Director of the School of International Arbitration at Queen Mary University of London, England
• David Gaukrodger, Head of Unit and Senior Legal Adviser at the Investment Division of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
• Bernard Hanotiau, Attorney at Law, Brussels Bar, Hanotiau & van den Berg
• Patrick Baeten, Deputy General Counsel, ENGIE

11h50: Q & A

12h10: Round-up and conclusions by Bernd Lange, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the International Trade Committee of the European Parliament

12h30: Networking lunch

The panel debates will be moderated by Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, Full Professor of International Law and International Organizations and Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies - Institute for International Law, KU Leuven

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