High Level Seminar on the Opinion 1-17 of the European Court of Justice and the Reform of Investment Protection

Brussels, 6 September 2019

Program

9h30
Introduction by Patrick Van Gheel, Trade Policy Director at the Belgian Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

9h40
Presentation and analysis of the Opinion 1-17 by the President of the European Court of Justice, Koen Lenaerts

10h20
Q&A

10h40
Panel I: Steps ahead for the international investment protection reform agenda
- Colin Brown, European Commission, DG Trade
- Anna Joubin-Bret, Secretary of UNCITRAL and Director of the International Trade Law Division in the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations
- Shane Spelliscy, Chair of the UNCITRAL Working Group III
- Elisabeth Tuerk, Chief of the International Investment Agreements Section at UNCTAD

11h20
Q&A

11h30
Coffee break

11h40
Panel II: Meeting the expectations of the different stakeholders?
- Andrea Carta, Senior Legal Strategist, Greenpeace EU
- Jean-Marc Dethy, General Counsel Disputes, ENGIE
- Nicolas Angelet, Attorney-at-Law, Brussels Bar, Professor of Public International Law at University of Brussels
- Eric de Brabandere, Attorney-at-Law DMDB Law, Brussels Bar, Professor of International Dispute Settlement at Leiden University

12h20
Q&A

12h30
Closing Remarks by Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, and of Defence, in charge of Beliris and Federal Cultural Institutions, Didiers Reynders

12h45
Networking Lunch

Please note, the panel debates will be moderated by Prof. Inge Govaere, Professor of European Law; Jean Monnet Chair in EU Legal Studies; Director, Ghent European Law Institute (G.E.L.I.) and Director of the European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe, Bruges.

For your information, the event will take place in English.
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