

Editorial

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Arbitration Materials

During its first five years of existence, the *Journal of International Arbitration* has published more than 100 original articles and notes by practitioners from all over the world. This has fostered an unprecedented free discussion of the most pressing current questions in the field, making international arbitration better known and strengthening its whole process.

The Journal provides an independent forum where practitioners can express their views without being under pressure to please a particular institution or other parochial interests. This has stimulated them to produce such a steady flow of contributions worthy of publication that these now occupy practically the whole journal. This is as it should be, since original articles must have priority over other types of documents. However, this has meant that very little room is left for items such as arbitral awards, court decisions and news of arbitration associations.

I know how important original documents and other first-hand information are to our readers and so I have created a new quarterly publication, *Arbitration Materials*, which will be the documentary supplement to the *Journal of International Arbitration*. The first issue, which will appear in March, will contain several very important arbitral awards as well as court decisions, news of arbitral institutions and associations, and a list giving details of arbitrators.

I think that *Arbitration Materials* will prove to be a valuable working tool and I would like to recommend readers of the *Journal of International Arbitration* to subscribe to it. Information and documents supplied by our readers will also contribute greatly to the success of this new publication. I would therefore like to ask you to send me regularly all documents such as statutes, arbitration rules, court decisions, arbitral awards, news of centres, institutions, associations, which you consider are of general interest.