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PART II: ARTICLES AND SELECTED ESSAYS

Foreword

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In *The International Lawyer* Winter 1999 volume, we were pleased to present a Symposium on the "Law-Based Nature of the New International Financial Infrastructure." As indicated in John Attanasio's "Foreword" to that Symposium issue, the collection of articles were drawn from a March 1999 conference on the subject matter held at the SMU School of Law in Dallas, Texas, and from the proceedings of a series of related conferences held globally during the spring and summer of 1999 by such institutions as the University of London, the University of Cologne, RAU/Witwatersrand in South Africa, Thammasat University in Thailand, and the University of Hong Kong. All of these latter conferences were cosponsored by the SMU School of Law.

Because of the significant global importance of the subject matter and because of the quality of articles and presentations from these various conferences, this Spring 2000 issue of the *The International Lawyer* includes a second series of Symposium presentations, "Part II: Articles and Selected Essays." Participating in this Symposium-Part II are such significant individuals as the general counsels of the IMF, the European System of Central Banks, the U.S. Treasury, and the New York Federal Reserve Bank, along with such noted international economic/financial law commentators as Robert Hormats from Goldman Sachs and Professor John Jackson from Georgetown University, as well as distinguished SMU law faculty experts. We believe that the Symposium-Part I in the Winter 1999 issue, combined with the articles and essays in this issue, form a seminal reference point to the subject of the "New International Financial Architecture."

In putting together this issue, we would like to express our special appreciation to Dr. Rosa Lastra and Mr. Douglas Arner at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, University of London, Dean Albert Chen and Associate Professor Say Goo of the University of Hong Kong Law Faculty, Professor Norbert Horn at the University of Cologne, Dr. Tull Traisorat at Thammasat University, and Professor Angela Itzikovitz at RAU/Witwatersrand. Without their and their respective institutions' cooperation, this first-of-its-kind global conference series would not have been possible.

Also, special appreciation is expressed to the ultimate book publishers of the various conference proceedings for permitting us to utilize, in advance, certain articles that will be

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contained in formal publications of the various conference proceedings. In particular, we wish to thank Kluwer Law International for permitting us to use the articles by Professor Joseph Norton and Professor Roberta Karmel in the Part I, Winter 1999 issue, and in this issue, to utilize the pieces by Messrs. François Gianviti and Antonio Sáinz de Vicuña. These articles will appear, along with a series of high-quality manuscripts, in an upcoming book to be produced by Dr. Lastra, the CCLS/London and Kluwer Law International. *The International Lawyer* recognizes and acknowledges that Kluwer Law International will publish this book, entitled *Reform of the International Financial Architecture*, and that the authors retain their respective prior copyrights to these pieces.

In addition, special appreciation must be extended to the Asian Institute of International Financial Law at the University of Hong Kong Law Faculty. The Asian Institute, which is preparing a book of its conference proceedings, has kindly permitted, under the same terms as expressed above with respect to Kluwer Law International, the use of certain of their conference papers for our two symposium issues. These pieces specifically include the articles by Andrew Sheng and Xian Chu Zhang in the Part I, Winter 1999 issue, and for this issue, the pieces by Professors Jane Winn and Christopher Hanna (both of whom are SMU faculty members).

Finally, special appreciation is extended to our student members of the International Law Review Association at the SMU School of Law, who had the arduous task of assembling, coordinating and editing the various manuscripts for the Part I and Part II Symposium issues.