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Asociación Latinoamericana de Arbitraje  
Associação Latinoamericana de Arbitragem

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Mr. Philippe Leboulanger  
Chair  
CFA France  
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France

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Dear Sir,

We are pleased to inform you that, with the purpose of promoting arbitration for the resolution of international disputes involving Latin American parties and interests, a group of Latin American lawyers from different jurisdictions has decided to create the *Asociación Latinoamericana de Arbitraje (Latin American Arbitration Association)* as a forum for sharing ideas, knowledge and initiatives related to the development of international arbitration.

Aware of the important role that plays your institution in the international arbitration field and the special interest that it has shown in its development in our region, we look forward to future opportunities of working together in this field.

In order to facilitate our work, we have appointed a committee to liaise with the leading international institutions that do not administer arbitrations which will be co-chaired by Claus von Wobeser and Cristian Conejero Roos. They look forward to liaising with you in matters of common interest potential and would welcome any suggestions that you might have.

For further information, attached you will find a list of our association's goals, its founding members and first Board of Directors.

Yours sincerely,



Katherine Gonzalez Arrocha  
Secretary



Guido Santiago Tawil  
President

CC: Claus von Wobeser and Cristian Conejero Roos

### Purposes of the *Asociación Latinoamericana de Arbitraje*

- (i) the promotion of international arbitration in Latin America as a mean of settling disputes in which Latin American parties or interests are involved;
- (ii) to cooperate with all institutions interested in promoting the use of arbitration in the region or a better understanding of the features and particularities of arbitration in Latin America;
- (iii) to set up an institution to promote the free exchange of ideas, knowledge and initiatives regarding the development of international arbitration worldwide;
- (iv) the practical and theoretical analysis and study of issues concerning international arbitration in the region;
- (v) the planning and implementation of initiatives intended to improve and update the legal framework regarding international arbitration in Latin America and to define the role that judges, arbitrators, lawyers and academics should play within that framework;
- (vi) to foster effective channels of communication among the judiciary and the arbitral community in the region in order to promote harmonious interaction between the judicial and arbitral functions;
- (vii) the training of arbitrators, lawyers and academics in international arbitration matters, with particular emphasis on the incorporation more young Latin American professionals in the field of international arbitration.

## Founding Members

The Founding Members and first Board of Directors of our association are:

President:	Guido Santiago Tawil
Vice-presidents:	Guillermo Aguilar Alvarez Eduardo Damião Gonçalves Andrés Jana Eduardo Zuleta
Secretary:	Katherine Gonzalez Arrocha
Deputy Secretary:	Dyalá Jimenez Figueres
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