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Dear Mr. Salman,

The Curatorium of the Academy of International Law has, at my suggestion, nominated you as Director of the English-speaking section of the Centre for Studies and Research for the Summer of 2001, which will deal with « Water Resources in International Law ».

The Centre will be held following the usual sessions of lectures, from Monday 13 August until Friday 7 September 2001. It will consist of two seminars, one in French and the other in English, each with twelve participants of doctorate level. The participants must prepare a report on a particular subject within the context of the general theme, and the Director's task is to lead the seminar and advise the participants. As you probably know, Professor Laurence Boisson de Chazournes of the University of Geneva, will be in charge of the French speaking section.

The two seminars are traditionally run in co-ordination, and the Directors must therefore agree on a list of subjects. After the selection which takes place in April, this list is sent to the participants, who must choose three subjects in order of preference and inform you directly of their choice. It is usual for the Directors to inform each other of their respective lists of proposed subjects, but it is not, of course, absolutely necessary for these lists to be identical. The Directors are requested to send the list of their subjects by E-mail to the Secretariat by **15 January at the latest** ( [hagueacademy@wxs.nl](mailto:hagueacademy@wxs.nl) ) and also to the Peace Palace Library which will prepare the bibliography ( [r.steenhard@ppl.nl](mailto:r.steenhard@ppl.nl) ).

It is advisable that the distribution of subjects be finished by the month of May, so that the participants can begin preparing their reports before they arrive in the Hague. It goes without saying that they will have to finish their reports in the Hague, and the Academy will give them a certificate only upon presentation of the reports **at the end of the session, or at the latest, by following November**. They must provide their reports in three copies, one for the Director of Studies and two for the Academy.

Formally, the selection of the participants is made by the Curatorium on the basis of candidates academic qualifications, taking into account a fair geographical distribution. However in practice the selection is made by the two Directors of the Centre and myself, since the Curatorium automatically ratifies our selection. We usually meet in Paris in the beginning of April for the selection. I shall contact you about the date of this meeting.

The Directors organise their seminars on different days so that bilingual participants can attend the meetings of both seminars. If they so wish, they may organise one or two joint seminars in order to try to come to common conclusions.

A last point that I would like to add is that in 1985 the Curatorium decided to publish after each session a brochure in which each Director presents a summary of his group's work, in a report of 35 to 40 printed pages, which may be accompanied by concrete recommendations. This publication is therefore of great academic interest. Moreover, it has great publicity value vis-à-vis possible contributors after the Center has taken place. This is why the Curatorium particularly insists that the two Directors should submit their scientific report at the latest by the 15 November following the end of the session.

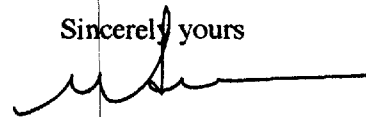
Finally it is possible that a collective work, containing the best reports prepared by the participants in the Centre will be published for the Academy by Nijhoff. This was the case for the 1992 Centre, dealing with the foreign debt, and for the 1996 Centre, dealing with State succession. However the publication, which includes the Directors above mentioned reports and the bibliography prepared by the Peace Palace Library is only possible if 14 or 15 of the participants reports are of the required standard.

In any event, you should send me a brief administrative report on the functioning of the session, together with the evaluation of each one of the participants in your group.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know very soon that in principle you accept your nomination.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely yours



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