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Re: *Prof. Dr. Rolf Herber*

Dear Presidents, Titulary Members and Consultative Members,

It is with profound regret and sadness that I have to pass on to you that a beloved member of the CMI family, Prof. Dr. Rolf Herber of Germany passed away on 15 July 2020. Prof. Dr. Herber was a Titulary Member of the CMI, a partner with the law firm of Ahlers & Vogel in Hamburg, an acknowledged worldwide expert in maritime, trade and transport law who trained generations of maritime lawyers, and participated in numerous CMI Assemblies, Conferences and Colloquia over the years.

Attached is the short biographical note prepared by Prof. Dr. Herber's assistant, Christine Höltig, which was received earlier this week, outlining some of his accomplishments and contributions to the development of German and international maritime, trade and transport law. Prof. Dr. Herber was Assistant Secretary of State in the Foreign Ministry of Justice, Director of the Institute of Maritime Law of the University of Hamburg, Chairman of the Expert Commissions of the Federal Ministry of Justice for the reform of Transport Law (1992-1996) and the reform of Maritime Trade Law (2004-2009), and participated in the drafting and approval of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.

Prof. Dr. Herber was the author of numerous professional publications, commentaries and textbooks, the editor of the Journal of Transport Law and the Journal of International Commercial Law, an arbitrator in international maritime, trade and transport matters, and in 1986 founded the German Association for Transport Law, of which he was Honorary Chairman until his death. He received many honours and awards during his illustrious career, including the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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Prof. Dr. Herber will very much be missed and remembered by his friends around the world as a charming and wise gentleman with a subtle and reserved sense of humour. I am conveying my heartfelt condolences and those of the CMI to the German MLA, and asking them to be passed on to Prof. Dr. Herber's family.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris O. Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "C" and a stylized "D" at the end.

Christopher O. Davis

cc: Executive Council

Prof. Dr. Rolf Herber

Prof. Dr. Rolf Herber contributed significantly to the development of German and International Maritime and Land Transport Law as assistant secretary of state in the Federal Ministry of Justice, as a representative of the Federal Republic of Germany at numerous international state conferences, as director of the institute of Maritime Law of the University of Hamburg, as a personal member of the Comité Maritime International and as chairman of the expert commissions of the Federal Ministry of Justice for the reform of Transport Law (1992-1996) and the reform of the Maritime Trade Law (2004-2009). An important part of his work is the international Sales Law (CISG), and during his time in the Ministry, he was working on the drafting and approval of the UN Convention On Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. He is chairman of the German Association for Transport Law and publisher of the magazines "Transportrecht" and "Internationales Handelsrecht". Prof. Dr. Herber became a partner of our law firm in 1995 and acts as an arbitrator in international arbitration.