

**DECLARATION OF ANGERS FOR THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

Justitia et Pace

We, the Members of the Institute of International Law, gathered in Angers to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Institute,

Recalling that, since its foundation in 1873, in accordance with its mission the Institute has sought to promote justice and peace between peoples and individuals; that, to this end, it has steadily worked towards developing peaceful ties between nations, the advancement of and respect for international law, and the elimination of the difficulties arising from the divergencies between national laws,

Aware that the moral, legal, economic and other challenges of our times are increasingly taking planetary dimensions, that poverty, environmental degradation and, in particular, climate change, the pollution of soil, water and air, the advance of desertification and the loss of biodiversity, are global challenges that require us all to rethink our relationship not only with one another as human beings, but also with regard to the planet, and *Recognising*, as stated in the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, “the integral and interdependent nature of the Earth, our home”,

Concerned about the threats to the integrity of international law and respect for the rule of law posed, in particular, by the persistence of serious armed conflicts and inequalities between and within States,

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Recognising our responsibility for promoting the advancement of international law and the attainment of a just and peaceful world, in which human rights and the environment are fully respected,

Reaffirm our commitment to contribute, in accordance with our Statutes, to the maintenance of international peace and security, the observance of international law, including the rules applicable in case of armed conflict, and the supremacy of the principles of justice and humanity, which must govern relations between peoples and individuals,

Reaffirm also our commitment to the promotion of respect for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, fundamental human rights, and the principles of environmental protection,

Consider that the Institute, as an exclusively learned society, composed of independent individuals with a proven commitment to international law through scholarship or through practice, continues to provide a unique forum for discussion and work with a view to advancing the ideals for which it was established 150 years ago,

Proclaim our determination to continue to promote justice and peace among peoples and individuals, without discrimination, by working for the advancement of international law, both public and private; and

We solemnly call upon all States, peoples and international actors to contribute to the achievement of a just and peaceful world and to a development that must be sustainable, equitable for all, and respectful of nature, to intensify their co-operation to this end, and to work for the deepening of, and respect for, the principles and rules of international law, in order to ensure international peace, security, and justice among the peoples of the world.
