STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES: OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

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I. INTRODUCTION

The proper administration of justice is dependent upon the adherence to certain fundamental values that lie at the foundation of most judicial systems. These values include: procedural fairness, efficiency, accessibility, public confidence in the courts and judicial independence. These fundamental values are interrelated. Sometimes they strengthen one another, one being the result or condition of the existence or application of the other, while at other times there may be a tension between them. A proper legal system is one which advances each of these values on its own and achieves a suitable balance between them whenever they conflict with one another.

Central to the judicial process is the principle of judicial independence.

International law and jurisprudence deal with the concept of the independence of the judiciary from two main aspects. The first is the provision of the right to be tried by an independent and impartial tribunal when deprived of one’s rights. The second aspect, which in fact helps to secure the first, is the term of service of judges. In this respect,
