



## **ASIL Background Information**

### **About Us**

The American Society of International Law is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization founded in 1906 and chartered by Congress in 1950. ASIL holds Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is a constituent society of the American Council of Learned Societies. The Society is headquartered at Tillar House in Washington, D.C.

The mission of the American Society of International Law is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.

The Society's 4,000 members from nearly 100 nations include attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students and others interested in international law.

### **Activities**

Through our meetings, publications, information services and outreach programs, ASIL advances international law scholarship and education for international law professionals as well as for broader policy-making audiences and the public.

While our educational mission remains as central today as it was at our founding, our programs have adapted to dramatic changes in international law, as both an expansive topic and an evolving professional discipline. The Society will celebrate our Centennial in 2006 under the theme "A Just World Under Law."

### **Publications**

ASIL publications are recognized as indispensable information sources in the field of international law. Our periodicals include:

*American Journal of International Law*

*International Legal Materials*

*ASIL Newsletter*

*International Legal Theory*

*Proceedings of the ASIL Annual Meeting*

Our email newsletters *ASIL Insights* and *International Law In Brief* are distributed at no charge. Subscriptions to all publications are available from our Web site, [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org).

## Electronic Research Tools

ASIL offers a wealth of electronic resources on international law to members, students, legal scholars, media representatives and the general public, in addition to our printed publications and email newsletters. Notable are:

*Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL)*, [www.eisil.org](http://www.eisil.org)  
*ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources*, available on our Web site

## Leadership

ASIL's Officers and Executive Council are leading the Society into an era of direct networking between members around the world -- through conferences, meetings and publications, as well as by means of electronic communications and information resources.

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## Media Contacts

ASIL has compiled a directory of knowledgeable professionals in the field who are willing to talk with journalists to provide facts and insight in particular areas. They are grouped according to topic expertise, in Tools for Media on our Web site.

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