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The Norwegian Nobel Committee
Henrik Ibsens Gate 51
0255, Oslo, Norway

Re : Nobel Peace Prize Candidacy

I write to nominate "The International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace", Zurich, Switzerland for the 2013 Nobel Prize for Peace.

An independent, robust judiciary is a pre-requisite for rule of law, democracy, human rights and good governance. If the judiciary does not enjoy credibility and respect from the public, it will not be able to decide without fear or favour, affection or ill will. To keep the judiciary independent, professional bodies and civil society organizations have an important role to play not only as a watchdog but also as a promoter of best practices and standards. In this regard, the work of the International Association for Judicial Independence and World Peace (hereinafter called Association) has been outstanding and unique in several respects.

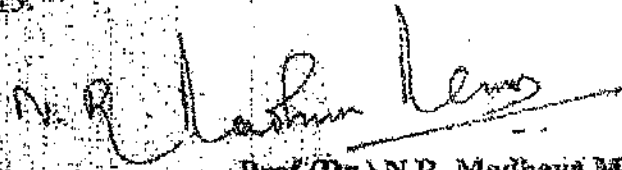
The Association has been mobilizing professional groups and lawyers as well as judges bodies for the last three decades and more to vote for peace in the resolution of disputes through courts and otherwise. In the process, it has been evolving international standards on judicial independence and performance. The project on independent judiciary, the Association sustained across nations, did, in my opinion, contribute to world peace, mutual co-operation and adoption of best practices in administration of justice. This is indeed a noble effort at promoting world peace through world law at a time this was challenged by adverse developments in polity, society and economy.

Members of the legal profession globally appreciate the efforts of the Association and subscribe to its manifesto. Through conferences, workshops, seminars and study groups, the Association today is keeping the world informed of threats to independence of judiciary and rule of law. Through appropriate interventions, the Association and its members help resolve crisis situations and restore peace and harmony while strengthening democracy and rule of law. It has an impressive list of publications which contain Declarations approvingly adopted by judicial and professional bodies, thus creating a jurisprudence of peace.

Its publications are cited in judgments of the highest courts of different countries which itself is a recognition of great importance to liberty and rule of law everywhere.

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It is in this background I deem it my privilege to recommend The International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace for consideration of the Nobel Prize Committee for award of the Peace Prize, 2013.



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