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Subject: Nomination of the International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2013

Dear Members of the Nobel Committee,

This letter is to propose the nomination of the International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2013 for the development of International project of judicial independence, which results have a fundamental importance for the promotion and existence of principles of democracy, freedom and peace.

Modern judicial proceedings and judicial enforcement shall respond to challenges of time which question its compliance with international standards and requirements of the democratic legal state. This is the most significant goal within the framework of studying the problem of judicial independence.

Securing judicial independence is the main trend of increasing the efficiency of arbitration courts, which execute laws on economic disputes, in enforcing the right for fair trial in Russia. Principle of judicial independence is entrenched in the Arbitral Procedural Code of the Russian Federation (Article 5 of the Code), applies at all stages of arbitration proceedings and is binding on all judges of all arbitration courts in Russia. The aforementioned principle, set in the arbitral proceeding law, intends to secure the main value of the process – judicial trial by independent court in fair judicial procedure.

Judicial independence has been considered by all legal systems as the inherent and the most significant element of ensuring real justice and appropriate proceeding. It is generally recognized, that achieving the goals of development of fair society, key element of which is the efficient justice, is only possible under the conditions of independent judiciary.

Successful solution of problems connected to securing the independent judiciary depends on compliance of legislation with the international standards of justice, and Russia is not an exception from such a rule. Research of International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace in this regard is exceptionally important; it represents a thorough and in-depth study of the principle of judicial independence as an international standard of justice.

Association and its members have been researching the problems of judicial independence for over 30 years and contribute to the expansion of the uniform interpretation of the standard of judicial independence around the world. Results of the researches have been adopted in the development of various international acts (Code of Minimum Standards of Judicial Independence (1982), Universal Declaration on the Independence of Justice (1983), International Standards of Judicial Independence (2007) etc.), which are now applied by courts in many countries, including arbitration courts of the Russian Federation.

Results of the Association's activity are relevant and have practical significance due to regular discussions of the problems of judicial independence on major international conference, organized by the Association and dedicated to the matters of securing independence of judiciary, culture of judicial independence, democracy and peace. Performance of the Association allows to not only develop the idea of judicial independence, but also to attract society's attention to problems, connected to ensuring the judicial independence.

Therefore we suggest that the results of the Association's activity contribute to improving the system of justice and aim to ensuring the compliance with progressive international standards for the development of democracy, freedom and peace.

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