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Launch of Cape Town Convention Academic Project Website

The University of Oxford Faculty of Law and University of Washington School of Law today announce the launch of the official website of the Cape Town Convention Academic Project, www.ctcap.org.

The Project, a joint undertaking between the two Universities, is designed to facilitate the academic study and assessment of the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (the 'Convention'), a leading transnational commercial law treaty to which 60 countries are party. The Convention provides international rules on the financing of aircraft, rail, and space equipment.

The Project has several components: a comprehensive database of materials on the Convention, including its legislative history; an annual conference exploring the details of the Convention; an electronic journal on the Convention; and preparation of materials to enhance the understanding and teaching of the Convention.

'Our Universities are pleased to be working together on the Project given its central place in the field of transnational commercial law, an area in which we plan to cooperate more in the future', said Deans Timothy Endicott and Kellye Testy. Prof. Jeffrey Wool, executive director of the Project, added that 'the Convention's provisions, taken together, address property rights, insolvency, electronic commerce, and dispute resolution to a degree without precedent in the field of transnational commercial law'. He also expressed his appreciation of the pioneering work on the Convention by Prof. Sir Roy Goode, and his role in establishing the Project.

The Project website contains a searchable database of primary and secondary materials on the Convention and Protocols, the preparatory work leading to their adoption, their implementation in national law, and subsequent administrative and judicial reporting; instructional materials; and law and economics assessment materials. 'This site will assist scholars, lawyers, government officials, and commercial parties around the world with readily available and comprehensive materials on this important treaty, said Prof. Jon Eddy.

The website also includes information about the Project's annual conferences on the Convention, two of which have already been held in Oxford. Papers presented at the conferences included those on the effect of the Convention on conflicts of laws, electronic commerce, interim relief and insolvency, the provisions of the Convention on intangibles, non-consensual interests, public service and jurisdiction. There has also been more general discussion of the relationship between the Convention and national law,

comparative law, and the teaching of transnational commercial law. 'Oxford is pleased to provide a forum for the discussion of these cutting-edge legal issues', said Prof. Louise Gullifer.

The Project also publishes the Cape Town Convention Journal, in which most of the papers presented at the conferences are published. Information on obtaining these Journals, which are free in electronic form, is available on the website.

The Universities note, with appreciation, the roles played by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (a partner in the repository and journal), the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Organisation for Carriage by Rail (parties cooperating with the project), the Aviation Working Group (the founding sponsor of the Project), the Rail Working Group (assisting on rail-related content), and the International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading (which provided a financial contribution to offset the costs of creating the website).

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Please visit www.ctcap.org for more information on the Project.

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