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INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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When the Annual Meeting Committee began its planning process a year ago, they could not have foreseen the challenges that would confront international law and institutions following the U.S. elections, but both the committee and the Society's leadership felt that it would be important to adjust our plans to take account of this new landscape. And this is taking place throughout this annual meeting and most particularly through the three panels we're hosting at this same time each morning on "International Law and the Trump Administration," and the first panel, as you know, today is on "National and International Security."

These are part of a broader initiative that the Society launched in January as the new administration began its first one hundred days in office, and some of you may have been following a series of live webcasts that we have been organizing, featuring former senior administration officials of both parties, which endeavor to present factual information and informed perspectives on the critical policy choices and international law dimensions that are facing the United States and the world. In fact, one of the members of today's panel, John Bellinger, participated in our inaugural webcast of this series. These webcasts are available to the public without charge and are continuing to draw very large audiences. If you haven't yet tapped into them—and they are free—you can find them at www.ASIL.org/100days.

Now, I'd like to thank the Annual Meeting Committee for this meeting, in particular, Saira Mohamed, for coordinating this session. I'd also like to thank our longtime partners, the Centre for International Governance Innovation, or CG, for their sponsorship of this series. And it's now my pleasure to invite Oonagh Fitzgerald, the Director of CG's International Law Research Program, to make brief remarks. Oonagh.

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