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Opening remarks:

Donald Donovan, Partner – Co-Chair International Dispute Resolution and Public International Law Groups – Debevoise & Plimpton

Speakers:

- Yousuf Aftab, Founder and Principal – Enodo Rights
- Marney Cheek, Partner – Co-chair International Arbitration Practice – Covington & Burling
- Jenny Holdcroft, Assistant General Secretary – IndustriALL Global Union
- Robert Thompson, Member – Working group on Business and Human Rights Arbitration Rules

Moderator:

Meriam Al-Rashid, Partner – U.S. Head of Public International Law & Investment Disputes – Dentons

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As human rights litigation involving corporations are on the rise, stakeholders are looking to arbitration as an alternative. A working group has been created to draft rules specific to Business and Human Rights (BHR) arbitration. The first BHR arbitration under the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh, which took place at the Permanent Court of Arbitration, ended in a settlement last year. This discussion, hosted by the Vance Center, will explore the pros and cons of BHR arbitration as a viable grievance mechanism under the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. A distinguished panel of speakers will discuss best practices and lessons learned from the Bangladesh Accord Case and its implication for the future of BHR arbitration. The panel will also draw recommendations for the draft Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration project.

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