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Luiz Olavo Baptista has practiced law for over 50 years as lawyer, jurisconsult and Arbitrator, both in Brazil and abroad. He also renders legal opinions on complex matters related to contract law and corporate law in general, arbitration and international law.

He was one of the pioneers of the arbitration practice in Brazil, and is one of the most on-demand arbitrators both nationally and internationally.

He serves as arbitrator in disputes administered by the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), as well as by the most well-renown Brazilian arbitral institutions, such as the Arbitration and Mediation Centre of the Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce (CAM-CCBC), the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration CIESP/FIESP (CMA CIESP/FIESP), the Market Arbitration Chamber (CAM), and the Corporate Arbitration Chamber-Brazil (CAMARB), and is part of the body of arbitrators thereof.

He is also a member of the ICSID's Body of Conciliators, of the *Association Française d'Arbitrage* (AFA) and of the ICC's Institute of World Business Law.

He has advised international organizations, corporations, governments and individuals in matters related to international investments and negotiations, and participated in the drafting of international agreements. He chaired the E4A Panel of Commissioners for the Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, and also presided over the proceedings under the MERCOSUR Protocol of Brasília for Dispute Resolution.

Mr. Baptista was a member of the WTO Appellate Body from 2001 to 2009, which he chaired in 2008. He was also a member of the Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration (1996–2002) and, in 1998, was appointed by the former President of Brazil, Mr. Fernando

Henrique Cardoso, to act as a special representative for Brazil in a fact-finding and mediation mission related to trade issues between Brazil and Canada.

He is a Collaborator within the within the *Institut International pour L'Unification du Droit Privé* – UNIDROIT, Rome, since 1977. He was a Member of the Member of the UNIDROIT's Governing Council from 1998 to 2001. Vice-president of the Inter American Bar Association International Private Law Committee (1976).

He is a member of and presided over the São Paulo Bar Association from 1979 to 1980. He is also a former member of the Federal Council of the Brazilian Bar Association (1981–1983, 1986–1987) and chaired the São Paulo Lawyers Assistance Fund (1983 –1985).

Mr. Baptista graduated from Pontifícia Universidade Católica of São Paulo in 1964 and obtained his PhD from Paris II University in 1981. He is also Doctor *Honoris Causa* of the Lisbon University and a retired full professor of international law at the University of São Paulo Law School. He is also Professor Emeritus of Ribeirão Preto Law School (University of São Paulo).

He received the Anchieta Medal from the São Paulo's Chamber of Councilmen, the Barão de Ramalho Award from the São Paulo Lawyers' Institute, the High Distinction Degree from the Superior Military Court and is a Grand Officer within the Order of Rio Branco.

Mr. Baptista writes and speaks fluently in English, Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese.

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