MR. MASAHIKO ASADA

Professor of International Law Kyoto University Graduate School of Law

Masahiko Asada is Professor of International Law at the Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University, Japan. In August 2009, he was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as one of the seven members of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009), the term being renewed in June this year by resolution 1928 (2010). In a similar capacity, he had also served as a member of the United Nations Panel of Government Experts on Verification in All its Aspects established in accordance with UN General Assembly resolution 59/60, from 2006 to 2007.

In his country, Professor Asada is a member of the International Relations Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission, Cabinet Office; member of the Subcommittee on Security and Trade Control of the Industrial Structure Advisory Council, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI); member of the Chemical and Biological Committee of the same Advisory Council. In the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA), he has led the Committee on Nuclear Non-proliferation Policy Study as its Chairman since 2005.

In international treaty-related forums, Professor Asada served as legal adviser to the Japanese Delegation to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 1991 to 1993 and was legal adviser to the Japanese delegation to the Ad Hoc Group of the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention from 1995 to 2001. He also participated in the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 NPT Review Conference in 2004 and the Preparatory Committees for the 2010 NPT Review Conference in 2007 and 2008 as adviser to the Japanese delegation. He has been an adviser to the Japanese Delegation

www.un.org/law/avl

to the Executive Council of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) since 1997. He also served as one of the 20 original members of the OPCW's Commission for the Settlement of Disputes related to Confidentiality for three terms from 1997 to 2003. During his first term, he played a key role in developing the Operating Procedures of the Commission. His advisory functions also included legal adviser to the Japanese delegation to the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).

A former Senior Associate at St. Antony's College, Oxford, Professor Asada currently serves as the president of the Japan Association of International Security and Trade (JAIST); member of the Executive Council of the Japanese Society of International Law; member of the Executive Council of the Japanese Association of World Law; member of the Executive Council of the Japan Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law; member of the Executive Council of the Japan Association of Disarmament Studies. He is also a member of the Use of Force Committee of the International Law Association; a life member of the American Society of International Law. He has been a member of the editorial boards of various journals, including *Japanese Yearbook of International Law, Journal of International Law and Diplomacy* (Kokusaiho Gaiko Zasshi), and *Journal of Conflict and Security Law.*

Professor Asada is the author of numerous articles and book chapters on international law, arms control and disarmament, use of force, international humanitarian law, and war reparations. Those written in English include chapters in *Avoidance and Settlement of Arms Control Disputes* (United Nations, 1994), *UN Peacekeeping* (Carnegie Endowment, 1995), *Trilateral Perspectives on International Legal Issues: From Theory into Practice* (Transnational Pub., 1998), *Peaceful Resolution of Major International Disputes* (United

www.un.org/law/avl

Nations, 1999), Trilateral Perspectives on International Legal Issues: Conflict and Coherence (American Society of International Law, 2003), The United Nations and Global Crisis Management (Korean Academic Council on the United Nations System, 2004), The Chemical Weapons Convention (United Nations University Press, 2006), Unlocking the Secret of Taiwan's Sovereignty (Taiwan Thinktank, 2008), and Public Interest Rules of International Law (Ashgate, 2009). His articles in English were also published in Japanese Annual of International Law - Japanese Yearbook of International Law (in 1996, 2009), Journal of Conflict and Security Law (in 2002, 2004, 2008), Journal of Japanese Law (in 2009), and International Spectator (in 2009).