



## **CPR Taps Two General Counsels to Lead its European Advisory Board**

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**NEW YORK/LONDON (March 28)** – The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), a global non-profit organization that advances dispute prevention and resolution practices and provides high quality solutions, announced today that Maurice Kuitems, Managing General Counsel EMEA for Fluor Corporation, has become the new Chair and Isabelle Robinet-Muguet, VP, General Counsel, International Legal Affairs, Orange the new Vice Chair of CPR’s European Advisory.

Mr. Kuitems, formerly vice-chair, replaces Jean-Claude Najjar, former GC of GE France as Chair.

The new Chairs will preside over CPR’s European Congress on Business Dispute Management, being held today at Mastercard’s London headquarters, and organized by CPR and its European Advisory Board in collaboration with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR). The conference’s keynote speaker will be John Fellas, Partner, Hughes Hubbard & Reed, New York. Panelists include representatives from Akzo Nobel, BP, Chartered Standard Bank, Deutsche Bank, Fluor Corporation, GSK, Mastercard, Monsanto, Orange, Shell, Siemens and Wärtsilä Corporation, as well as leading law firms.

CPR’s European Advisory Board (EAB) is a leading independent resource in Europe helping businesses and their legal advisers, whether in-house or external counsel, resolve and bring creative solutions to commercial disputes more efficiently and cost effectively, and, where possible, preserve and enhance commercial relations. The EAB, composed of 35 members including representatives from Dupont, Shell, Wärtsilä Corporation, Orange, Capgemini, BP, Deutsche Bank, Akzo Nobel, Končar, HP Inc., ENI, Mastercard, as well as major leading law firms, provides a forum for CPR and its members who are located in Europe to:

- (i) Discuss developments in dispute practices in Europe;
- (ii) Suggest projects and collaborations that will contribute to the continued development of alternative dispute practices in the region; and
- (iii) Assist CPR in the development of its Global Panel of Distinguished Neutrals and other activities.

“With Maurice and Isabella’s leadership, I have no doubt that CPR’s strong European

presence, supported by leading corporations and law firms, will continue to grow and further our mission to change the way the world resolves conflict,” said Noah Hanft, President and CEO of CPR.

"I am very pleased that we have a valuable CPR presence in Europe and that we have created a forum for CPR and its members that can further implement an awareness of commercial mediation and efficient arbitration in Europe,” said Kuitems. “I look forward to working with CPR's European Advisory Board in providing leadership in promoting and establishing effective and efficient conflict prevention and dispute resolution.”

**About CPR:** CPR is an independent nonprofit organization that, for more than 35 years, has helped global businesses prevent and resolve commercial disputes effectively and efficiently. Our membership consists of top corporations and law firms, academic and government institutions, and leading mediators and arbitrators around the world. CPR is unique as: (1) a thought leader, driving a global dispute resolution culture; (2) a developer of cutting-edge tools and resources, powered by the collective innovation of its membership; and (3) an ADR provider offering innovative, practical arbitration rules, mediation and other dispute resolution procedures, and neutrals worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.cpradr.org](http://www.cpradr.org).