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SAN FRANCISCO - United Nations Secretary General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, has nominated Golden Gate Associate Dean and Distinguished Professor of International and Comparative Law Sompong Sucharitkul to the Iraqi Compensation Commission. The three person Commission, meeting monthly in Geneva, will decide upon corporate damages and losses caused by Iraq's illegal invasion of Kuwait.

In 1991, U.N. Security Council Resolution 687 stated that "Iraq was liable...for any direct loss, damage, including environmental damage and depletion of natural resources." The Commission has received over 2.6 million claims in six categories ranging from personal injury and death to corporate and government claims. Funding for the reparations comes from the sale of Iraqi oil under the control of the U.N. Security Council.

Associate Dean Sucharitkul is the Director of the L.L.M. International Legal Studies Program at Golden Gate Law School. He is an arbitrator of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes of the World Bank, a member of the Commercial Arbitration Centre at Cairo, the Regional Centre for Arbitration at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and a member of the mediation and arbitration panels of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva. He also represented Thailand in the U.N. General Assembly for nearly three decades.

Golden Gate University School of Law is located on the San Francisco campus of Golden Gate University at 536 Mission Street. The University is accredited by the Western Association of Colleges and Universities and the Law School is approved by the American Bar Association.

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