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FOR GENDER EQUITY & LAW

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VIA EMAIL TO riffat.hassan@louisville.edu

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Dear Riffat:

On behalf of the International Action Network for Gender Equity & Law (IANGEL), we are pleased to invite you to receive our **2019 Amel Zenoune-Zouani Rights & Leadership Award**, at our 6th Anniversary Gala Dinner in San Francisco, on April 25, 2019. We were thrilled to receive the impressive nomination package submitted by Professor Torjesen, and delighted that she confirmed you would be able to attend the event to accept this award.

Your passionate commitment to women's human rights represents everything that we are working for at IANGEL. Your groundbreaking work to elucidate the Qu'ran as rooted in fairness and affirming the equal dignity of women has made an immeasurable impact on the struggle to protect the human rights of women and girls. Through decades of research, teaching, writing, and speaking, you have been a powerful voice for equality and justice, and a courageous advocate against oppressive patriarchal dictates in the Islamic world. And I know personally, from our long discussions when I first met you at the WIN Conference in Switzerland in 2002, that you are a wise, wonderful, and thoroughly engaging advocate for women's human rights. For all the outstanding work that you have done, we are deeply honored that you have agreed to accept the Amel Award of 2019.

IANGEL is an international network of lawyers, dedicated to harnessing the power of volunteer legal resources, and connecting it to the cause of gender equality and justice, locally, nationally, and around the world. Our work includes education, advocacy, and deepening the engagement of the legal community in supporting efforts to promote gender equality in all aspects of civil society. Our Amel Zenoune-Zouani Rights & Leadership Award was named for an Algerian law student, murdered 21 years ago by fundamentalists for refusing to give up her studies. You can find out more about IANGEL and our award from our website, iangel.org, including information about previous awardees.

Thank you so much for your lifetime of achievement and inspiring work. We will be in touch later to confirm program details and your travel plans, but please call me at 415-995-5052 (direct), or email me at nancy@iangel.org, if you have any questions in the meantime. I look forward to seeing you again in April.

With deepest gratitude,

Nancy J. Newman
Founder and President, IANGEL

cc: Karen Jo Torjesen, by email