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Former ICC Chair Named to Lebanese Cabinet

http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=1&categ_id=2&article_id=9669

Lebanese banker **Adnan Kassar**, a past chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce, has been named the country's new minister for the economy, according to news reports.

Business Calls on OECD to Launch Anti-Counterfeiting Initiative

http://www.biac.org/news/2004-10-19-biac_calls_on_oecd_to_launch_initiative.htm

Building on an earlier paper outlining the affirmative case for intellectual property rights, BIAC has submitted a new proposal to the OECD to launch an anti-piracy initiative, a move strongly supported by USCIB.

Serbia the Newest Member of the Carnet System

http://www.iccwbo.org/home/news_archives/2004/Serbia_ATA.asp

The former Yugoslav republic is the latest country to accept "merchandise passports" for temporary duty-free admission of various goods.

Poverty Alleviation and Employment in Africa

<http://www.uscib.org/index.asp?documentID=2957>

At a recent African Union summit, employers sought to address the root causes of poverty, unemployment and inequality on the continent.

At Korea Workshop on Spam, Business Joins New OECD Task



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http://www.biac.org/news/2004-10-19-korea_hosts_workshop_on_spam.htm

At the beginning of its September workshop in Pusan, Korea, the OECD announced the formation of an OECD Spam Task Force and presented an outline of its anti-Spam “toolkit” proposal.

Taxation: Industry Alarmed Over Transfer Pricing

http://www.iccwbo.org/home/news_archives/2004/intra_group_financing.asp

ICC is concerned over recent moves by governments to more aggressively tax interest payments in intra-company transactions.

BIAC Energy Roundtable

<http://www.biac.org/news/2004-10-19-Joint-Energy-Roundtable.htm>

BIAC and its French member organization will host **Claude Mandil**, the head of the International Energy Agency at an industry roundtable on “Reliable Energy Supply for Economic Growth: New Challenges for Energy Security and Investment,” focusing especially on Russia and China

Keep Pace With Corporate Governance Worldwide

http://www.iccwbo.org/home/news_archives/2004/Book_of_the_month/BOTM_Sept.asp

A new ICC book, *Corporate Governance Worldwide*, provides a comprehensive guide to corporate governance best practices and is intended to help companies meet real-world expectations of good practices.

BIAC Outreach in Southeast Europe

http://www.biac.org/news/2004-10-19-biac_outreach.htm

BIAC Secretary General **Tom Vant** participated in a conference of ministers from Southeast Europe, emphasizing the role of a stable regulatory climate in attracting foreign investment.

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