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Bureau of International Recycling

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. More than 50 countries are represented through their national trade associations and individual companies which are involved in recycling. BIR comprises four commodity divisions: iron and steel, non ferrous metals, paper and textiles, and has committees dealing with stainless steel and special alloys, plastics and rubber. BIR's primary goals are to promote recycling and recyclability, thereby conserving natural resources, protecting the environment and facilitating free trade of secondary raw materials.

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**BIR World Recycling Convention
(23) 24-26 May 2004
Berlin, Germany
Maritim ProArte Hotel**

General Assembly:

Internationally acclaimed conference speaker comments on 'Hot irons of international politics'

BIR is proud to announce that it has secured the participation of an internationally acclaimed conference speaker for its General Assembly on Tuesday, 25th May 2004 at 16.00 hrs.

Dr Albert Rohan, former Secretary General of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Ambassador to Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, will give a highly topical insight in the 'Hot irons of international politics'. Conflicts in the Middle East, the predominance of China and the role of Russia are part of the analytical overview that Dr Rohan intends to provide.

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Dr Rohan held a variety of distinguished posts in his forty-year career in the Austrian diplomatic service. In the US, he served as director of the executive office of the UN Secretary-General. He has also been a leading member of diplomatic delegations in Belgrade, Kosovo, Iran, and other areas of conflict.

Now, Dr Rohan is working as lecturer and political commentator for radio, television and print media. He is the author of the book “Diplomat on the Fringes of World Politics”.

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