



## **Statement by The Rt Hon. Sir Stanley Burnton on his appointment as Interception of Communications Commissioner -**

*“I am delighted to have been appointed by the Prime Minister to undertake this role at what is an especially significant and challenging time for investigatory powers.*

*I would like to acknowledge the work undertaken by my predecessor, the Rt Hon. Sir Anthony May to increase transparency and improve the public and Parliament’s understanding of IOCCO’s oversight regime and how the interception and communications data powers are used by public authorities. I look forward to continuing this important work.”*

### **Biography - Sir Stanley Burnton:**

Stanley Burnton was called to the Bar in 1965. He practised initially in general common law, and then from 1976 as a commercial lawyer at One Essex Court. He took silk in 1982. He acted both as advocate and arbitrator in international arbitrations. Stanley Burnton sat as a deputy High Court judge in the Chancery Division from 1994 until he was appointed to the High Court Bench (Queen’s Bench Division) in July 2000. He was nominated to the Administrative Court shortly after his appointment. He was subsequently the Judge in charge of Modernisation, IT and the Court Estate and one of the original three judicial members of the Board of Her Majesty’s Court Service. He also served as a member of the Civil Justice Council.

In April 2008 he was promoted to the Court of Appeal, and sat in both the civil and criminal divisions of the Court of Appeal. He retired as a Judge of the Court of Appeal on 25 October 2012, when he reached the age of 70, and has returned to One Essex Court to sit as an arbitrator. Stanley Burnton is President of the Slynn Foundation and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILII). He is a trustee of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and a member of its audit committee. He is an Honorary Fellow of St Edmund Hall, Oxford and a Visiting Professor at Queen Mary College, London.

### **Notes for editors:**

IOCCO is an independent oversight body – independent of Government and Parliament. IOCCO conducts thorough and robust inspections of public authorities with powers to intercept communications and / or acquire communications data under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA). IOCCO carried out over 100 RIPA inspections in 2014, and made over 400 recommendations to ensure compliance or to improve systems and procedures. Please visit IOCCO’s website to see details of their reports, inquiries and publications. Follow IOCCO on Twitter for latest news.