



UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THE WORK OF IMLI

On 9 December 2013, during its sixty-eight session, the United Nations General Assembly adopted by 115 votes in favour Resolution A/Res/68/70 entitled “Oceans and the law of the sea”. The Resolution, which tackles the main aspects of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) emphasizes, *inter alia*, the universal and unified character of the Convention, and reaffirms that the Convention sets out the legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out.... [T]he Resolution recognizes the important contribution of sustainable development and management of the resources and uses of the oceans and seas to the achievement of international development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and therefore calls upon States and international organizations to cooperate towards the effective implementation of the provisions of UNCLOS.

Under the heading ‘Capacity Building’, the Resolution emphasizes that capacity-building is essential to ensure that States, especially developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as coastal African States, are able to fully implement the Convention, benefit from the sustainable development of the oceans and seas and participate fully in global and regional forums on ocean affairs and the law of the sea.

In paragraph 19, the UN’s highest representative body confirms for the sixth consecutive year IMLI’s effective capacity-building role in the field of international law as follows:

19. Recognizes the importance of the work of the International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization as a centre of education and training of Government legal advisers, mainly from developing States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute;



H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon (UN Secretary-General) signing IMLI's Guest Book during his visit to the Institute

The Institute is very proud of this recognition, which once again confirms the Institute's excellent academic reputation and its valuable contribution to the achievement of the international maritime community's goals.

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