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INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA REGISTRAR LECTURES AT IMLI

The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming Professor Philippe Gautier (Registrar of the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea (ITLOS)), who visited the Institute on Monday, 13 April, 2015 to deliver a lecture to the IMLI Class of 2014/2015 on “Settlement of Disputes under the UNCLOS”. Professor Gautier was warmly welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI), who expressed his great pleasure at the fifth consecutive visit of Professor Gautier to the Institute.

Professor Attard stated that owing also to the work of Philippe Gautier as Registrar, the Tribunal is a speedy, efficient and effective forum dealing with important issues pertaining to the law of the sea. In addressing the students, the Director stated that Professor Gautier has a wealth of knowledge in the area of dispute settlement in international law from which they would greatly benefit.



Professor Philippe Gautier lecturing to the students of the IMLI Class of 2014/2015

During the course of his very enlightening lecture Professor Gautier dealt comprehensively with all the relevant provisions of Part XV of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS), on the Settlement of Disputes.

In the first part of his lecture he reviewed the mechanisms provided by UNCLOS for the settlement of disputes, including the settlement of disputes by peaceful means and the settlement of disputes by resort to compulsory procedures entailing binding decisions.

The second part of his lecture was dedicated to explaining the Statute of ITLOS, as found in Annex VI of UNCLOS. This included a detailed analysis of the organization of the Tribunal, its competence and jurisdiction and the procedure it adopts in the determination of disputes.

Professor Gautier received a Licence en Droit in 1982, a Licence en philosophie in 1983, a Diplôme d'études spécialisées en droit européen in 1985, and Docteur en droit 1992 from the Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve).

During his career he has held many important positions including Deputy Director, Head of the Law of the Sea/Antarctica Office from 1991 to 1995 and Director, Head of the Treaties Division Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium from 1995 to 1997. He has been a Professor since 1996 at Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve). He was appointed as the Registrar of the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea in 2001.

Professor Gautier was a Member of the Belgian delegation to the maritime boundary negotiations with France, United Kingdom and The Netherlands (1991–1996); the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1989–1990, Head 1991–1994); the UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (1993) and Antarctic Consultative meetings (1990, Head 1991–1996). He is a Member of the Belgian Society of International Law, Société française pour le droit international, Association internationale du droit de la mer and Center for International Law, Free University of Brussels.

Professor Philippe Gautier is the author and co-author of many publications in international law both in English and French including “Institutional Developments in the Antarctic Treaty System”, “The Reparation for Injuries Case Revisited: The Personality of the European Union”, “The Exclusive Economic Zone and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982–2000: A Preliminary Assessment of State Practice” (co-ed.), 2003, “NGOs and Law of the Sea Disputes”, “The Rules of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea: A Commentary” (co-ed.), 2006, “Environmental Damage and the United Nations Claims Commission: New Directions for Future International Environmental Cases?”, “Urgent Proceedings before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea”, “Advisory Proceedings before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea”, in *Technical and Legal Aspects of the Continental Shelf and the Area*, Beijing, 2012; and “Locus standi and breaches of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea”, in *Liber Amicorum A. Kolodkin*, 2013.

His lecture was very well received by the students.

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