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## **AMBASSADOR OF MALTA TO SWITZERLAND, THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN AND BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA LECTURES AT IMLI**

The Institute recently had the pleasure of welcoming Ambassador Saviour F. Borg (Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta and Ambassador of Malta to Switzerland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and Bosnia & Herzegovina). During his visit, Ambassador Borg delivered two lectures on “*The United Nations System*” and “*The United Nations Security Council in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security*”.



*Ambassador Saviour F. Borg meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2015-2016*

Ambassador Borg, who was Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, commenced his first lecture by showing a short film about the origins and achievements of the United Nations Organisation in its first fifty years before explaining the United Nations System, its Principal Organs and its Agencies. He then provided a detailed overview on the General Assembly and explained its structure, functions and powers. He also focused on the multifaceted role of the Permanent Representative to the United Nations and reviewed with the students what are the main duties and responsibilities of such a Representative.

In his second lecture, Ambassador Borg addressed the United Nations Security Council's role in the maintenance of international peace and security touching upon its composition, and the procedural and political aspects of the Council including the work of its Subsidiary Bodies.

The lectures were delivered from an academic point of view and enriched by Ambassador Borg's long-time experience in the work and activities of the United Nations.



*Ambassador Saviour F. Borg with the IMLI Class of 2015-2016*

Ambassador Saviour F. Borg served as the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations in New York from August 2007 to January 2012. During this same period he was elected and served as the Rapporteur of the United Nations Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

From July 2003 to July 2007, Ambassador Borg served as the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations Office, its Specialised Agencies and Other International Organisations with Headquarters in Geneva. During this period he also served as Malta's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organisation and Head of Malta's Observer Delegation to the

Conference on Disarmament, the Commission on Human Rights and its successor the United Nations Human Rights Council.

From April 1999 to April 2003, Ambassador Borg served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malta to the People's Republic of China, serving concurrently as Malta's Ambassador to Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

From January 1997 to March 1999, Ambassador Borg served as Ambassador Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV), and to the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), serving concurrently as Malta's first Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty Organisation. During these years Ambassador Borg served also as Malta's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi and to the Organisation on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons at The Hague where he was elected as Malta's Representative on the first Executive Council during Malta's term of office in 1997-1998.

In 1996, Ambassador Borg formed part of the International Observer Monitoring Mission of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for the first elections held in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ambassador Borg was a Member of the Executive Staff in the Office of the President of the Forty-Fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly when in 1990 it elected the then Malta's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor Guido de Marco.

An important aspect of Ambassador Borg's diplomatic career has been his involvement in United Nations Affairs where he formed part of the Delegation of Malta in a number of Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly.

From 1978 to 1982 he served as First Secretary and Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations Office, its Specialised Agencies and Other International Organisations in Geneva, and from 1983 to 1987 to the United Nations Organisation in New York.

From January 1983 to December 1984, Ambassador Borg served as Malta's Deputy Representative of Malta to the United Nations Security Council as well as its Committee on the Arms Embargo Against South Africa during Malta's first ever term of Office. In this context, Ambassador Borg stood in on several occasions as Malta's Acting Representative to the Security Council and its Committee.

Ambassador Borg joined the Maltese Civil Service in 1965 and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1977, where he occupied the post of Section Head in charge of the Eastern and North European and Nordic countries. In 1988 he was appointed as Section Head and in 1992 as Director of the United Nations, International Organisations and Commonwealth Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In February 1994, Ambassador Borg was appointed as the first Director of the Multilateral Affairs Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During this period Ambassador Borg formed part of and on a number of instances also led Maltese Delegations to several

International Conferences and Meetings including, the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Ambassador Borg is the author of various publications and also the author of a number of articles in peer review journals.

Ambassador Borg holds an M.Phil Degree from the University of Malta and a Certificate in Diplomacy from the same University.

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