



## HEAD OF IMO LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Head, Office of Legal Affairs of the IMO) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and delivered a set of lectures within the Institute's course on Maritime Legislation Drafting. Her lectures which focused on "IMO Treaty-Making Process (Tacit Amendment Procedure)" and "Implementing IMO Instruments: Turning International Conventions into National Law" offered the students important insights on different aspects of IMO Conventions and techniques for their implementation in national law.



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Dr. Lost-Sieminska began her discussions by expressing her satisfaction at the unprecedented number of female candidates admitted to the Institute's programmes which she described as very encouraging.

She commenced her lecture by introducing the students to the IMO and its various organs and how these organs work with regard to the treaty-making process of the Organization. She discussed the purposes of the IMO as specified in Article 1 of the Convention establishing the Organization, which she said includes the provision of machinery for cooperation among Governments in the

field of governmental regulations and practices relating to technical matters of all kinds affecting shipping engaged in international trade. Dr. Lost-Sieminska further noted that the IMO sets standards in matters concerning maritime safety, the efficiency of navigation and prevention and control of marine pollution from ships, and deals with administrative and legal matters related to its purposes. She explained the procedures for the adoption, signature and ratification of IMO conventions and how such conventions go through the amendment process. She also explained in detail the challenges associated with the implementation and enforcement of IMO conventions and how such challenges can also be overcome.



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On the Tacit Acceptance Procedure as an IMO Treaty-Making Process, Dr. Lost-Sieminska explained that under the said procedure an amendment should enter into force at an agreed date unless, before that date, objections to the amendment are received from a specified number of States Parties. This means that States with objections to the proposed amendment are required to raise the same within a specified period of time.

Dr. Lost-Sieminska's lectures were very well received by the students who expressed appreciation for such an instructive insight into the work of the IMO.

Prior to joining the IMO in 2011, Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska was the Director of the Maritime Transport and Inland Navigation Department of the Ministry of Transport of Poland. In that capacity, she attended many international meetings, conferences, and bilateral negotiations (as

head of the Polish delegation), at the IMO, EU, and UN. Dr. Lost-Sieminska is an IMLI alumni and holds a Ph.D. degree in International Maritime Law from University of Gdansk, Poland. She is a member of the Polish Bar Association, the Polish Maritime Law Association and the Polish Academy of Science.

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