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## THE CHIEF OF IMO SUB-DIVISION FOR MARITIME DEVELOPMENT LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Chris C. Trelawny (Chief, Subdivision for Maritime Development, Technical Cooperation Division of the IMO) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 21 and 22 January 2019. He delivered lectures on “IMO and the Development of IMO Maritime Security Policy”; “IMO Responses to Other Maritime Security Challenges”, and “Security as an Enabler for Maritime Development” respectively to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019. Mr. Trelawny’s lectures form part of IMLI’s newly introduced course on the Law of Ports.



*Mr. Chris C. Trelawny (Chief, Subdivision for Maritime Development, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019*

In his lecture, Mr. Trelawny reiterated that Maritime Safety, Security and Regulatory Enforcement would achieve its intended objectives if all Government agencies, military and civilian, cooperate to render the necessary support to both national and regional efforts rather than operate departmentally. He briefed the students on the IMO responses to other maritime security challenges such as armed personnel onboard vessels and the IMO Guidance on Piracy and armed robbery against ships.

Further, Mr. Trelawny discussed current and emerging threats to maritime security, the practical challenges to implementing IMO instruments, the need for maritime governance as an enabler for maritime development and a sustainable blue economy, and the need for standardized and efficient procedures in ports.



*Mr. Chris C. Trelawny delivering his lecture*

At the end of his visit, Mr. Chris C. Trelawny gave his impression about the Institute and its role as a training institution in all aspects of maritime law:

*Our role is essentially the promotion of the maritime sector, especially in the context of the sustainable development of the blue economy and meeting the Sustainable Development Goals and the wider UN 2030 Agenda. One of the big challenges we have, in that, is getting governments to recognize the importance and potential of the maritime sector, maritime trade, and the benefits of an efficient port sector underpinned by good facilitation, efficient business practice and effective maritime security. The key is to have a national maritime strategy underpinned by a maritime security strategy and a robust legal framework. The role of lawyers is critical here because IMO and other international instruments need to be translated into national law – legislation which empowers government agencies to act and which provides a firm legal basis for the security that enables maritime development to happen in a sustainable way.*

*The role of IMLI is invaluable. IMLI's training programmes are a major factor in developing the capacity of countries to put their maritime development programmes on a firm legal footing. Another of the strengths of IMLI is that it facilitates educated dialogue between people from many different nationalities, promotes the building of long-lasting relationships which then facilitates subsequent communication between alumni on issues of common concern such as law enforcement challenges in combatting piracy, trafficking and illegal fishing and fostering cooperation to resolve jurisdiction issues. In an industry as international as shipping, having lawyers who understand shipping law to talk to each other is critical. We also appreciate the positive steps taken by IMLI to promote the empowerment of women in the maritime sector – the IMO World Maritime Day theme for 2019.*

*Another value of IMLI aside from training these professionals is the support that IMLI can offer to IMO Member Governments. The IMLI library is a repository of students' research projects on all aspects of maritime law and law of the sea. This major bank of information can also be used to benefit Member Governments through the provision of high-quality advice.*

Mr. Chris C. Trelawny joined IMO in March 2003 as a maritime security specialist. In December 2011, he was appointed Senior Deputy Director, and in November 2014 he was promoted as Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on Maritime Security and Facilitation. In August 2018 he was appointed to the new post of Chief, Sub-Division for Maritime Development within the Organization's Technical Cooperation Division. His recent projects on the development of multidisciplinary, multi-agency projects aimed at finding regional solutions for piracy and maritime security challenges include the Djibouti Code of Conduct, the Yaoundé Code of Conduct and the Jeddah Amendment to the Djibouti Code of Conduct.

Before joining IMO, Mr. Trelawny spent six years with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) where he led on air cargo security and four years with the UK Government in aviation security roles, including the introduction of the UK air cargo security programme; and eight years with HM Customs, and 30 years as an officer in the Royal Naval Reserve. In 2014 he was awarded the UK's Merchant Navy Medal for his work on countering piracy.

Mr. Trelawny is the author of "Maritime Security - An Essential Feature for Sustainable Maritime Development and Global Ocean Governance" – which forms chapter 5 of the IMLI Treatise On Global Ocean Governance: Volume III: The IMO and Global Ocean Governance.

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