

IMLI CLASS HOLDS MOOT COURT

The IMLI Course on Dispute Settlement in International Law, including but not limited to the Law of the Sea Convention, concluded with a moot court exercise on 20 May 2019. The Moot Court was conducted by the Class, which was divided into two imaginary States (Atlantis and Chupacabras) and a panel of five Judges.



The Agent of Atlantis making a case for the jurisdiction of the Tribunal

During the moot trial parties respectively argued for and against the jurisdiction of the Tribunal on the issue of prompt release of the arrested vessel and crew on the ground that the preconditions set out in Section 1 of Part XV were not exhausted by the Claimant State, that is, that negotiations have not failed.



The Agent of Chupacabras making a case against the jurisdiction of the Tribunal

The Panel ruled that negotiations have failed and that consequently, it has jurisdiction to hear the prompt release application pending the establishment of the Arbitral Tribunal.



The Panel of Judges (L-R) Khalila Wania Astwood (Turks and Caicos Islands), Rashed Benmohamed (Tunisia), Safiya Davisia Bertha Abiola Moore (President) (Trinidad and Tobago), Robert Anthony Robinson (Belize) and Suad Nur Khalila (Somalia)

The IMLI Course on Dispute Settlement in International Law is intended to provide a comprehensive introduction to, and an analysis of the international dispute settlement mechanisms. It analyses the development of more specific dispute settlement procedures within the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and addresses the interaction between these mechanisms.

The Moot Court was a student-led exercise, assisted by lecturers Dr. Jiménez García-Carriazo and Dr. Bojang

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