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COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL VISITS IMLI

The Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland QC (Secretary General of the Commonwealth) paid an official visit to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 1 August 2019. The Secretary-General was welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) who expressed his great pleasure at her visit.



The Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland QC (Secretary General of the Commonwealth) signing the Institute's Guest Book

Professor Attard introduced the Secretary-General to the work of IMLI and its contribution to capacity-building worldwide. He noted that, since the Institute's inception, over 450 professionals hailing from Commonwealth countries have received training at the Institute and are proudly serving the rule of international maritime law. During the discussions, Professor Attard informed

the Secretary-General of the strong relations IMLI has had with the Commonwealth and expressed his appreciation for the initial support to the Institute by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation. He continued by stating that given the Institute's mission in generating expertise in international maritime law, especially in developing countries and with particular emphasis on Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries, stronger links between the Institute and the Commonwealth will contribute to the achievement of both organizations' goals and will benefit the international maritime community.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and The Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland QC (Secretary General of the Commonwealth)

The Secretary-General thanked Professor Attard for the warm welcoming and expressed her pleasure in visiting the Institute. She noted that she shares the same conviction on the importance of implementation of international rules in domestic legislation. She informed Professor Attard that she appreciates the Institute's expertise in law of the sea issues and its leading role in enhancing capacity, particularly in maritime legislation drafting, and therefore, a cooperation between IMLI and the Commonwealth is a very welcome initiative. The Secretary-General congratulated the Director for the Institute's achievements, especially its policy of empowering women in maritime affairs.

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