



THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPESSES APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF IMLI

The United Nations General Assembly adopted on 10 December 2019, during its seventy-fourth session, Resolution A/RES/74/19 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea". The Resolution, which was adopted by 135 votes in favor, tackles the main aspects of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and calls upon States that have not done so to become parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of UNCLOS, to harmonize national legislation with the Convention, and for capacity-building initiatives to consider the needs of developing countries.

The General Assembly, through this Resolution, acknowledged for the twelfth consecutive year the contribution of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) to the international community. In paragraph 30 of this Resolution the UN's highest representative body recognizes:

"[...] the importance of the work of the Malta-based International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization, as a centre of education and training of specialists in maritime law, including government legal advisers and other high-level officials, mainly from developing States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international maritime law, shipping law and maritime environmental law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute which runs annually."

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