



UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THE WORK OF IMLI

On 7 December 2010, during its sixty-fifth session, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution A/Res/65/37 entitled “Oceans and the Law of the Sea”. The Resolution, which was adopted by 123 votes in favour, tackles the main aspects of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and calls upon States and International Organizations to cooperate towards the effective implementation of the provisions of UNCLOS.

The General Assembly, through Resolution A/Res/65/37, acknowledged for the third consecutive year the contribution of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) to the international community. In paragraph 17 of this Resolution the UN’s highest representative body:

“17. Recognizes the importance of the work of the International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization as a centre of education and training of Government legal advisers, mainly from developing States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute;”



In a statement delivered to the Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session H.E. Ambassador Saviour F. Borg (Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations) reiterated the importance of IMLI'S role in the field of capacity-building since its establishment in 1988. He recalled that:

“In the words of the current Secretary-General of IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board, IMLI “has helped to ensure that sufficient maritime law experts, armed with the appropriate knowledge and skills, would be available – especially within developing countries – to help with the preparation, implementation and enforcement of legislation giving effect to the international instruments to which Governments had become Parties.”

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