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## DEPUTY MINISTER OF GEORGIA VISITS IMLI

Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Government of Georgia, Mr. Giorgi Karbelashvili recently paid an official visit to the Institute. Mr. Karbelashvili was accompanied by Mr. Giorgi Pirtskhalaishvili (Head of Land Transport Division), Capt. Mamuka Akhaladze (then Head of State Ships Registry and Flag State Implementation Department and now Deputy Director of the Maritime Transport Agency), Ms. Nino Kharazi (Head of International Relations Department at Maritime Transport Agency) and Mr. Vakhtang Andguladze (Consul at the Embassy of Georgia in Italy). Ambassador Lino Vassallo (Permanent Representative of Malta to IMO) accompanied the delegation. At their first visit to IMLI the distinguished guests were introduced to the work of the Institute and met with the twenty third generation of lawyers currently participating in the IMLI LL.M. programme.



Mr. Giorgi Karbelashvili (Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia) and the Georgian Delegation during their visit

Minister Karbelashvili said that he was honoured to have been given the opportunity to visit the Institute and meet such a diverse body of students. He stated that IMLI is a prestigious Institution and its relationship with the Georgian Administration has developed strongly throughout the years through the number of students that have graduated successfully from the Institute. He noted that the Georgian graduates are contributing remarkably to the development of maritime law in Georgia and hold leading positions, such as Dean of the Maritime Academy and Deputy Director of the Maritime Transport Agency. He concluded by wishing the students success in their academic life at IMLI and their professional life in their home countries.

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