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UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FORMER PRESIDENT LECTURES AT IMLI



*Prof. Guido de Marco, former President of the UN General Assembly
with IMLI Class 2006-2007*

Prof. Guido de Marco, President Emeritus of Malta and President of the 45th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (1990-1991), recently visited IMLI and delivered a series of lectures on the United Nations system. The lectures gave the students an overview on the role of the United Nations in promoting world peace.

Prof. de Marco analysed the structure of the United Nations, the relevance of the General Assembly, the power held by the Security Council, in particular, in terms of Chapter 6 and Chapter 7, and examined important provisions of the UN Charter. The lectures were delivered from the point of view of a diplomat who has had a long and distinguished career.

In his lectures, Prof. de Marco underlined the role of the General Assembly where every member of the UN is a permanent member thereof. He also explained the difference in concepts between the General Assembly, where every sovereign member State has one vote, and the Security Council, where there are fifteen members of whom five are permanent and enjoy veto power.

In his lectures, Prof. de Marco made a very valid point, “The UN is as strong as its members want it to be”.

Prof. de Marco commented positively on the IMLI students, affirming that he was sure that they will have a lasting memory of their Malta experience.

Prof. de Marco emphasised the need of IMLI in order to have an international society of lawyers specialised in Maritime Law and with full awareness on how international Maritime Law is at the service of the freedom of the seas.

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