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Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Deputy Director/Head, Legal Affairs Office, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division of IMO) delivered, today 8 December 2020, a set of lectures within the Institute's course on Maritime Legislation Drafting. Her lectures were entitled "IMO Treaty-Making Process (Tacit Amendment Procedure)" and "Implementing IMO Instruments: Turning International Conventions into National Law" respectively. Dr. Lost-Sieminska was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who informed the students with great satisfaction that she is an IMLI alumna.



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Dr. Lost-Sieminska informed the students that the drafting of conventions is a vital component in the functions of the IMO and that this function is undertaken either by formulating new conventions or amending the existing ones. She acknowledged that IMO has no enforcement powers, and that the effectiveness of maritime conventions depend on States, who must ensure that they become parties, enact related national legislation, implement, and enforce the legislation.



Her lectures provided the students with the opportunity to learn the techniques of how IMO instruments can be effectively implemented in their national laws.

Before joining the IMO in 2011, Dr. Lost-Sieminska was the Director of the Maritime Transport and Inland Navigation Department of the Ministry of Transport of Poland. In that capacity, she attended many international meetings, conferences, and bilateral negotiations (as head of the Polish delegation), at the IMO, EU, and UN. She holds a Ph.D. degree in International Maritime Law from University of Gdansk, Poland. She is a member of the Polish Bar Association, the Polish Maritime Law Association and the Polish Academy of Science.

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