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## PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA TO IMO LECTURES AT IMLI

H.E. Eng. Essam M. Alammari (Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to IMO) addressed on 22 January 2021 the students of the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 on *"The Work of a Permanent Representative"*. Mr. Alammari was introduced to the Class by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who expressed his pleasure at having him at IMLI's virtual platform to lecture.



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In his lecture, Mr. Alammari defined a permanent representative as a diplomat who is the head of a country's diplomatic mission to an international organization. He mentioned further that permanent representatives can be sent to subunits or field offices of an organization. Mr. Alammari explained that, although permanent representatives are often informally described as ambassadors because they are accredited to an international organization, their official title is Permanent Representatives. Mr. Alammari discussed the work of the Permanent Representative to IMO, the role within the Mission, procedure for accreditation, and the duties of a Permanent Representative.

Mr. Alammari holds a Navy Master of Science degree and a bachelor's degree in Naval Engineering and Naval Science from the French Naval Academy and he was awarded the French National Defense Medal. He has been 13 years in the service of the Royal Saudi Naval Forces in various geographical locations in Europe, Middle East, and Africa, with a diversified experience in several aspects in the Royal Saudi Naval Forces.

Mr. Alammari started his career as an Information Officer in the West Fleet, the most vital and strategic fleet in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, handling the operations and communications activities. Within 3 years, he became the Head of the Information Department. Later in the same fleet he joined the operations team collaborating and partnering with different multinational forces on board of the ships.

In 2013, Mr. Alammari was appointed as a Naval Liaison Officer in Djibouti for a year before getting promoted to become the Military Attaché in The Embassy of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Djibouti, building up the strategies for the Navy in the area (East Africa and Horn of Africa). During his tenure, Mr. Alammari established the foundation of the Saudi Military Attaché office in Djibouti and strengthened the diplomatic and the military relations and has actively participated in IMO's Djibouti Code-of-Conduct. In recognition of his excellent service as the Attaché, the President of Djibouti, President Ismail Omar Guelleh, adorned him with the Medal of National Merit for Djibouti Republic of (27 June).

Upon his accomplishment, the Head of Arabian Coalition chose him to be the representative of Coalition Forces as a board committee member in the United Nations Verification Inspection Mechanism (UNVIM) for one year. Later, he became the Head of Maritime Security department (Navy HQ) during the critical time of the regional challenges.

In January 2019, a Royal Decree was issued, appointing Mr. Alammari as the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the IMO.

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