ITLOS REGISTRAR LECTURES AT IMLI

Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)) delivered two lectures on 26 April to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 entitled ‘Consultations and Identification of the Judicial Body’ and ‘Relations between the Tribunal and State Parties.’ Dr. Hinrichs was welcomed to the lectures by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who stressed the important role that she performs as Registrar. The lecture of Dr. Hinrichs forms part of the IMLI Specialized Course on Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes, which was attended by over 100 Government nominated participants from 79 countries.
Dr. Ximena Hinrichs Oyarce (Registrar, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS))

Dr. Hinrichs thanked Professor Attard for the invitation to lecture and conveyed how impressed she was that the Course has attracted such a high number of countries. She was very pleased to note that the number of countries ranged more than half of the number that are party to UNCLOS. Turning to her lecture, Dr. Hinrichs focused on the mechanisms to bring a case before the Tribunal. In this regard, she first spoke on consultations and identification of the judicial body, and the tools to help the parties identify same. She then also discussed the Tribunal itself by giving a general overview of its structure and dispute settlement mechanisms in international law and their importance, before also discussing the relationship between the Tribunal and the State parties to it.

Dr. Hinrichs Oyarce began her career at the International Maritime Organization in 1995, moving to the Legal Office of the ITLOS in 1997. She served as Senior Legal Officer/Head of Legal Office from 2013 until her election as Deputy Registrar in 2017. Dr. Hinrichs was elected as the Registrar of the Tribunal in September 2019. Dr. Hinrichs is a member of Sociedad Chilena de Derecho Internacional, American Society of International Law, International Law Association (German Branch) and Scientific Committee of the Institute for the Law of the Sea and International Marine Environmental Law (ISRIM).
She regularly lectures on law of the sea at a number of universities, summer schools and institutes and is the author of publications on the law of the sea and international law. Dr. Hinrichs holds a Degree in Law from the School of Law and Social Sciences, University of Concepción (1988), Magistra Legum (LL.M.) from the University of Hamburg (1991) and Doctor Iuris from the University of Hamburg (Ph.D., 1996).

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