JUDGE ÓSCAR CABELLO SARUBBI LECTURES AT IMLI

Judge Óscar Cabello Sarubbi (Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)), a Member of the Tribunal since 1 October 2017, delivered a lecture on 12 May to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 entitled ‘Advisory Opinion on Fishing in the EEZ of other States (case no. 21).’ He was introduced by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), who noted that in Judge Cabello, the Tribunal has an outstanding academic with a long-standing diplomatic career. Professor Attard also informed the Government nominated participants that Judge Cabello is very knowledgeable and has written extensively in the area in which he was going to lecture on.
Judge Cabello expressed his pleasure to be invited for the second time to lecture in an Institution which is no doubt one of the best in providing education in maritime law to the world. In his lecture, Judge Cabello developed and gave an in-depth elucidation on the subject of Case 21. He explained that the Case was presented by a group north-western African countries requesting an advisory opinion from the Tribunal regarding questions of interests of these different countries, particularly involving their fishing rights in the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of these Coastal States.

Judge Cabello Sarubbi had held several eminent positions prior to becoming a Member of the Tribunal, including Alternate Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Director-General for General Affairs, Vice-Minister for General Affairs, Vice-Minister for Political Affairs, Ambassador to Italy and Greece, Permanent Representative to the FAO, WFP and IFAD, Director-General for Multilateral Political Affairs, Ambassador to Austria, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Greece. He was also Permanent Representative to the UNIDO, AIEA, CTBTO and UNODC and Ambassador to Spain, Morocco and Andorra. Judge Cabello Sarubbi was also Director-General of the Diplomatic and Consular Academy, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and Professor at Universidad Católica de Asunción.
He has served as a delegate to many meetings including UN General Assembly Sessions, the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Special Session for the signature of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. He was head of delegation of the First Session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, UN Commission on Crime, and Preparatory Commission of the UN Conference on Crime, Bangkok. Judge Cabello Sarubbi was also Professor at the Universidad de la Integración de las Américas and he has delivered and participated in several lectures and diplomatic conferences.

He has also been a Visiting Professor in several institutions, and is the author of several publications.

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