THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF IMLI

The United Nations General Assembly adopted on 9 December 2021, during its seventy-sixth session, Resolution A/RES/76/72 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea". The Resolution, which was adopted by 131 votes in favor, tackles the main aspects of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and calls upon States that have not done so to become parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of UNCLOS, to harmonize national legislation with the Convention, and for capacity-building initiatives to consider the needs of developing countries.
The General Assembly, through this Resolution, acknowledged for the fourteenth consecutive year the contribution of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) to the international community. In paragraph 30 of this Resolution the UN's highest representative body recognizes: “[...] IMLI as a centre of education and training of specialists in maritime law, including government legal advisers and other high-level officials, mainly from developing States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international maritime law, shipping law and marine environmental law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute which runs annually;”.

**PROFESSOR THOMAS J. SCHOENBAUM INAUGURATES THE IMLI COURSE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA**

*Professor Thomas J. Schoenbaum (Shefelman Distinguished Professor of Law, George Washington University School of Law) delivering the inaugural lecture in the IMLI Course on the Law of the Sea*
Professor Thomas J. Schoenbaum (Shefelman Distinguished Professor of Law, George Washington University School of Law) inaugurated the IMLI Course on the Law of the Sea on 4 January 2022. Professor Schoenbaum was welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) who referred to him as one of the world's most distinguished international maritime lawyers. In his opening address, Professor Schoenbaum expressed immense satisfaction that so many young professionals are interested in the study of the Law of the Sea. His inaugural lecture covered in a concise way the whole spectrum of the Law of the Sea.

PRO RECTOR OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ENTERPRISE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Tanya Sammut-Bonnici (Pro Rector Strategic Planning and Enterprise at University of Malta, and Joint Editor of the Wiley Encyclopedia of Strategic Management) delivered two lectures entitled “Evolution of Cooperation” to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022. Professor Sammut-Bonnici was introduced to the Class by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI).
IMLI wishes to bring to your attention that a few seats are still available for its third annual Course on the Law of Ports which will commence on 1 February 2022. To apply, please contact the Course Coordinator by no later than 25 January 2022 at murat.sumer@imli.org.

In the light of its comprehensive coverage, this Course will be of immense benefit to professionals involved in the maritime industry, including port managers and officers, legal drafters, port and ship operators, as well as lawyers and maritime practitioners. The Course would also be of interest to law students who wish to pursue a career in the field.

IMLI MOURNS THE DEATH OF ITS GRADUATE MR. ROCCO TOFFALETTI

It is with great sadness that IMLI announces the passing of one of its own, Mr. Rocco Toffaletti (Italy), a graduate of the IMLI Class of 2004-2005. The Director and IMLI Staff express their heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. May his soul rest in perfect peace.