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THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS ITS 36TH SESSION

The 36th session of the IMLI Governing Board (the Board) was held virtually on 19 July 2022. The session was chaired by Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and attended by Vice-Admiral Cristiano Aliperta, Professor David Attard, Professor Philippe Boisson, Ambassador Victor Camilleri, Dr. Reto Dürler, Mr. Jim Harrison, Professor Atsuko Kanehara, Ms. Nancy Karigithu, Mr. Louis N. Mbanefo, Dr. Kofi Mbiah, Professor Marko Pavliha, and Mr. Xiaojie Zhang. Professor Norman Martinez, Ms. Sivylla Ampatzoglou and Ms. Galuh Rarasanti attended the session as observers.

The Board reviewed the financial and academic progress of the Institute for the period between 1 July 2021 and 1 June 2022.

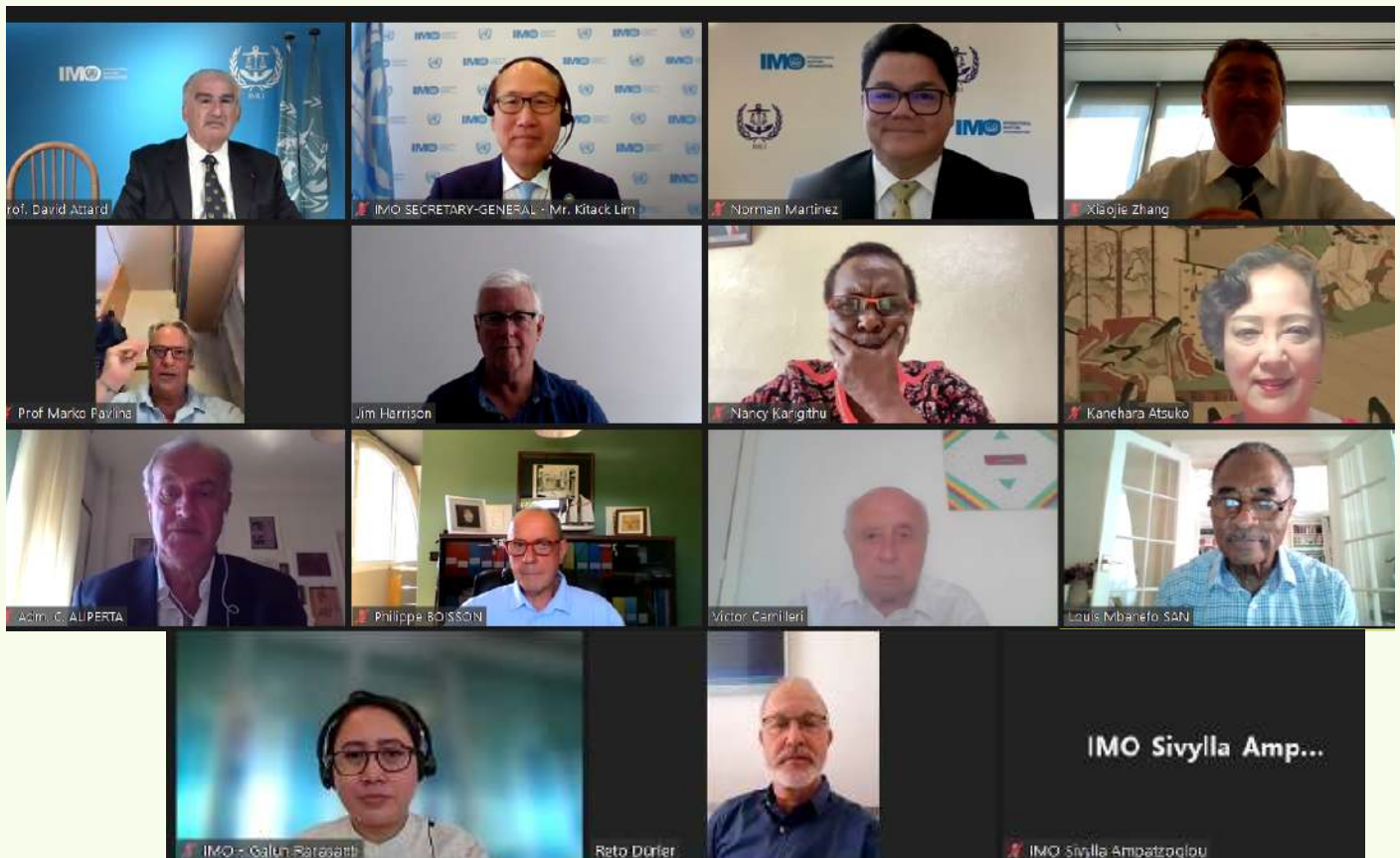




Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) addressing the 36th session of the Board

The Board commended the Institute for its financial stability and in particular its net record surplus. It congratulated the Director for his successful fundraising, particularly with respect to attracting new funding and further recorded its appreciation to all the Institute's donors and contributors.

The Board expressed its satisfaction with the progress made by the Institute despite the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. It commended the Director, faculty, and staff of IMLI for their continuous efforts to maintain the Institute's high academic standards and also expressed its appreciation to all the distinguished visiting fellows who taught at IMLI in the past academic year.



36th session of the IMLI Governing Board

The Board expressed its deepest appreciation and best wishes to Professor Attard at his retirement from his longstanding role as Director of IMLI. The Board noted that for the past 30 years Professor Attard's excellent leadership skills ensured that the Institute developed from a small Institution into a world renowned educational and research center of academic excellence, while also noting the solid contribution of the IMLI academic and administrative staff. The Board expressed its wish that Professor Attard will maintain close links with the Institute and continue to support and promote its work in the future.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressing the 36th session of the Board

The Chairman also advised the Board that Professor Attard has been selected by the IMO Council at its 127th session to receive the 2021 International Maritime Prize.

The Board commended the Secretary-General and the Selection Panel for undertaking the recruitment process and selecting Professor Norman Martinez as the new IMLI Director. The Board also confirmed their support to Professor Martinez in his new role as IMLI Director which will commence on 1 August 2022 and expressed their hopes that the Institution will continue to excel in the teaching and training of officials in international maritime law.



Professor Norman Martinez (Director Designate, IMLI) during the 36th session of the Board