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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALTA TO THE UNITED NATIONS VISITS IMLI

The Institute had the distinct pleasure of welcoming on 10 August 2022 Her Excellency Ambassador Vanessa Frazier (Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malta to the United Nations) who was accompanied by Ms. Francesca Gatt (Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the UN).



The distinguished guests were welcomed by Professor Norman A. Martinez Gutierrez (Director, IMLI) who expressed his delight at their visit. Professor Martinez thanked Ambassador Frazier for her support to the Institute and highlighted that her lectures in the Institute's programmes and courses have been very well received by students from all over the world.

The meeting was also attended by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer and Head of Administration) and Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law).



Ambassador Frazier reiterated her full support to IMLI and its global mission in capacity-building in international maritime law. She briefed the Director on the priorities of Malta at the international level as an upcoming member of the UN Security Council, as President of the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and also as the Permanent Representative of Malta to the International Seabed Authority (ISA).

Ambassador Frazier expressed her concern about Climate Change and Sea-level Rise, especially to Small Island Developing States which are the most vulnerable. She appreciated the academic initiatives of the Institute to raise awareness and help States develop national policies to overcome the upcoming threats. She informed Professor Martinez that the ISA has expressed interest in enhanced cooperation with IMLI which led to the suggestion by the Director on the possibility of a joint workshop between the Authority and the Institute.

Ambassador Frazier further recorded that she was always delighted to meet with IMLI graduates working in all areas of maritime law. She recalled that the IMLI policy of reserving 50% of places to its programmes for deserving women was exemplary and led many maritime institutions to promote gender quality. She highlighted the importance of well-trained maritime law experts for further development in the country's maritime spheres.



Professor Martinez appreciated the support that the Institute has received over the years from the Government of Malta. IMLI has always enjoyed this very fruitful cooperation and looks forward to an enhanced collaboration which will strengthen further this relationship. Ambassador Frazier thanked Professor Martinez for the warm welcome and insight into IMLI's academic activities.

