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THE IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL DELIVERS THE 33RD GRADUATION ADDRESS

Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) delivered the Graduation Address during the 33rd Annual Graduation Ceremony of the Institute held on 1 July 2022.

In his address, Secretary-General Lim stated that it was a great pleasure and delight that, after three years, he can return to the beautiful Island of Malta to address the Graduation Ceremony in person and to celebrate with the graduating Class of 2022. Secretary-General Lim informed the graduands that it was a joy to see the pride in their faces and the sense of accomplishment that, despite the turbulent times and the difficulties the pandemic has caused, they have been able to achieve their goals. He noted that this Graduation Ceremony marked the culmination of an intensive year that required the graduands to show determination and passion for learning.



Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivering the Graduation Address

On the occasion, Secretary-General Lim announced the retirement of Professor David J. Attard as IMLI Director. He stated that Professor Attard has been extremely instrumental in turning IMLI into the world-wide known centre of academic excellence for which it is recognized today. He stated further that his sterling work, tireless efforts and dedication ensured that IMLI continued to contribute to the advancement of IMO's mission and the related capacity-building of nations around the world. Secretary-General Lim, on behalf of IMO, expressed his utmost appreciation to Professor Attard, for his unwavering commitment to the work of IMLI over so many years, as well as the outstanding services he provided as the Director of the Institution.

Further to this, Mr. Lim also announced that Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Professor, IMLI) would succeed Professor Attard as the new IMLI Director.

The Graduation Address of the Secretary-General is reproduced below:

"Excellencies, President Emeritus, Honourable Ministers, distinguished guests, ladies, gentlemen, students,

It is a great pleasure to be here with you this morning on the beautiful island of Malta. I am delighted that, after three years, I have returned to address you in person and to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2022. This prestigious Institute is very dear to me and the IMO family at large, and reaching yet another milestone for the Institute, especially during this very challenging time is commendable.

It is a joy to see the pride in your faces, the sense of accomplishment that, despite the turbulent times and the difficulties the pandemic has caused, you have achieved your goals. This graduation ceremony marks the culmination of an intensive year that required you to show determination and passion for learning. Day-by-day you focused on your studies, and while you faced some challenging moments, you chose to use those moments as a steppingstone in the pursuit of contributing to the common goal of safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient, and sustainable shipping through cooperation. For this, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the graduands.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". You, the Class of 2022, have been empowered, through knowledge and skills, to contribute effectively to the realization of IMO's goals for a better world. You have had the privilege of being educated at IMLI – a centre of excellence in international maritime law, the dissemination of knowledge and expertise in the field, and a cornerstone of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme.

Today we celebrate the success of 56 maritime professionals who will apply their newly acquired skills to develop national legislative frameworks that would be responsive to the needs of the maritime sector. I am particularly pleased to congratulate the graduands from El Salvador and Guinea-Bissau who have proudly represented their countries for the first time in the Institute's programmes.

I salute the female graduands, who I urge to follow in the footsteps of many of the Institute's female alumnae that are already highly regarded in the maritime world and occupy important international or national positions. The visionary policy adopted

by IMLI since 1988 to reserve 50 per cent of the places for deserving female candidates has been instrumental in this regard.

Looking at today's graduands, I see a bright future for our maritime community. My advice, however, is for you to never rest on your laurels. As you have learnt throughout this year, IMO has led important initiatives in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Your attendance in the all-encompassing IMLI training has prepared you to advance these Goals and to contribute to their realization. Thanks to the numerous specialized programmes and courses offered by IMLI in niche areas of international maritime law, you have learned the importance of the oceans for economic growth and honed your skills in advocating for the sustainable use of the oceans.

You are cognizant of the crucial role of flag States in upholding the standards adopted in international maritime treaties and deepened your understanding of maritime security, freedom of navigation and peaceful settlement of maritime disputes. You have been exposed to the extensive work of IMO in the areas of maritime safety, security, environmental protection, and facilitation of trade. You familiarized yourselves with the legal aspects of efficient port management and operations and prepared yourselves to promote a more active participation of your countries in the development of international treaties with particular emphasis on treaties adopted under the auspices of IMO.

As I welcome today's graduands to the formidable network of IMLI Alumni, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all organizations, governments and institutions providing assistance to the Institute to achieve its global mission.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Government of Malta which has hosted IMLI since its inception and supported it throughout its existence.

I wish to take a moment to thank Professor David Attard and the IMLI staff whose work and unwavering dedication have steered IMLI to a new era of positive change.

Professor David Attard will be retiring from this noble Institution in the next few weeks. Over the past 30 years, Professor Attard has been a strong supporter of IMLI. Professor Attard has been instrumental in turning IMLI into the world-wide known centre of academic excellence that it is today. His sterling work, tireless efforts and dedication ensured that IMLI, through its training and research, continues to contribute to the advancement of IMO's mission and the related capacity-building of nations around the world. Professor Attard, on behalf of IMO, I would like to express my utmost appreciation for proposing, together with the late Dr. Joseph Fenech, former Maltese Parliamentary Secretary and Minister, the establishment of IMLI to IMO. I would also like to thank you for your strong commitment to the work of IMLI over so many years, as well the outstanding services you have provided as the Director of the Institution. Since I took up my Office in 2015, I visited IMLI quite often and was impressed by Professor Attard's dedication and commitment to IMLI and his extraordinary contribution throughout. Please join me in thanking Professor Attard for his hard work and determination and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavours.

Thank you, Professor Attard!

I have to note that I appreciated the excellent cooperation and legal advice on IMO issues received by Professor Attard over the years and I also much respect the excellent collaboration and support IMLI has received from the Maltese Government. I would like to take this opportunity to also offer my thanks to all members of the IMLI Governing Board for their hard work and for promoting IMLI worldwide as a centre of excellence in maritime law.

At this stage I would like to advise that IMO decided that Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez will succeed Professor Attard as the new IMLI Director. I believe



Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board), Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), Dr. Cleopatra Dombia-Henry (President, World Maritime University (WMU)) with a cross section of the Graduating Class

IMLI will continue to sail ahead successfully following the steps of David Attard and I trust that Professor Attard will continue to support the work of both IMO and IMLI in the field of international maritime law.

Dear Graduands,

As you turn a new page in your professional achievements, remember your first day of studies at IMLI on which you pledged to serve the rule of international maritime law. IMLI's policy to serve IMO Member States and particularly your countries, should now be your guiding principle in your future professional lives. You are now part of the wider IMO family. You will always be recognized as holders of a degree from a prestigious Institute that IMO is very proud of, and which the international maritime community recognises as a centre of excellence in maritime law.

My wish for you is to continue flying high the IMLI flag and that you advance further the goals of sound ocean governance, protection of the marine environment, safe and secure seas, and decent working conditions for seafarers. Apply your newly acquired competences when advising or representing your country and when negotiating with your international partners. Dedicate yourselves not only to do well, but to do good. Above all, do not forget that it will be our concerted efforts that will ensure that our beautiful oceans are passed on to future generations.

I wish to congratulate you on your achievements and look forward to meeting you at IMO.

Thank you!"

PROFESSOR DAVID JOSEPH ATTARD RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS AS IMLI DIRECTOR

During the 33rd Annual Graduation Ceremony of the Institute held on 1 July 2022, Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) announced the retirement of Professor David J. Attard as IMLI Director after 30 years of sterling service.

Professor Attard's unwavering devotion to serve the international maritime community through the training of national experts who will uphold the rule of international maritime law and contribute to the effective implementation and enforcement of international instruments, especially those adopted by the International Maritime Organization, was recognized and emphasized by the IMO Secretary-General: *"Professor Attard has been instrumental in turning IMLI into the world-wide known centre of academic excellence that it is today. His sterling work, tireless efforts and dedication ensured that IMLI, through its training and research, continues to contribute to the advancement of IMO's mission and the related capacity-building of nations around the world."* The Secretary-General continued his appreciation message to Professor Attard by saying *"I would also like to thank you for your strong commitment to the work of IMLI over so many years, as well as the outstanding services you have provided as the Director of the Institution."*

The IMLI staff, represented by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, also thanked Professor Attard, describing him as a sculptor, a shepherd and a beacon of light to the Institute, since its establishment, and for making IMLI what it is today, *"A true success story"*. Professor Martínez in his appreciation address stated *"For over three decades, Professor Attard has been a beacon of light for the Institute's staff, leading them not only through calm waters but also when we were facing the darkest of storms. He never gave up on IMLI and its sacred mission and, like a towering light house, he has guided the Institute to a safe port."*

He concluded his message by saying *"May God lead your path in your future endeavours and may you forever remain a friend of IMLI."*

PROFESSOR DR. NORMAN A. MARTÍNEZ GUTIÉRREZ APPOINTED AS THE NEW IMLI DIRECTOR

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez was selected to succeed Professor David J. Attard, who has been serving as IMLI Director for the past 30 years and is now the new Director of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) since 1 August 2022. This transition took place following the announcement of the retirement of Professor Attard by the Secretary-General of the IMO, Mr. Kitack Lim, during IMLI's Graduation Ceremony held on 1 July 2022. The Secretary-General, after also announcing the selection of Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez as the new IMLI Director, went on to express his confidence in the new leadership.

Professor Martínez read law at the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) and has been lecturing in international law and maritime law for more than 25 years. In 1997 he was engaged by the Honduran General Directorate of the Merchant Marine where he occupied different posts. In 1998 he obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree with Distinction from IMLI, where his research on delimitation of maritime boundaries was awarded the IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation. In 1999 he joined the Faculty of IMLI, where he has been the most Senior Officer, after the Director, for well over



Professor Dr. Norman A.
Martínez Gutiérrez
(New IMLI Director)

10 years. In 2005 he was admitted as an Advocate to the Honduran Lawyers' Bar Association and in 2010 he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law cum laude by IMLI.

In 2019, upon the recommendation of Professor Attard and following a rigorous assessment by two eminent independent assessors, namely The Right Honourable Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, K.G. (former President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom) and Professor Thomas J. Schoenbaum, JD, PhD (Shelfman Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Washington School of Law), the IMO Secretary-General conferred upon him the Title of Full Professor of International Maritime Law.

Professor Martínez has acted as an international maritime law consultant since the year 2000 and has drafted legislation for governments in several areas of maritime law. He joined the International Maritime Organization's Roster of Experts in 2003 and in 2013 he became a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the Câmara Arbitral Marítima no Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. He joined the Roster of Experts of the Food and Agriculture Organization in 2018 and has acted in the capacity of Consultant as a Fisheries Insurance Legal Expert and International Fisheries Policy and Legal Expert. Professor Martínez has also advised several international clients and Maltese State-owned companies (Sea Malta Company Ltd. and Enemalta PLC) in several cases heard by courts in Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Malta, France, Singapore, and St. Kitts & Nevis.

He is the author of "Limitation of Liability in International Maritime Conventions: The Relationship between Global Limitation Conventions and Particular Liability Regimes", Routledge, London / New York, 2011 and co-author of "Limitação da Responsabilidade Civil no Transporte Marítimo, Editora Renovar", Rio de Janeiro, 2016. He is the Editor of the books "Serving the Rule of International Law" and "Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law: Essays in Honour of Professor David Joseph Attard" and co-editor of "The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law" (3 Volumes) Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2014-2016. Professor Martínez is the Editor of the book series "IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law" published by Routledge and is also a member of the Editorial Board of Benedict's Maritime Bulletin. He has published numerous articles in prestigious law journals around the world and is a frequent speaker at international conferences and courses.

In 2011 the Government of Honduras presented him with a Diploma of Recognition for his unwavering contribution to the international maritime community and in particular for the promotion of the good name of the Republic of Honduras.

In his address following the announcement of his forthcoming appointment, Professor Martínez thanked Professor Attard, and concluded saying: *"It has been a true honour to serve under your leadership."*

He stated further: *"I stand in front of you today deeply honoured for the trust bestowed on me by finding me the suitable successor of Professor Attard as the new IMLI Director. I am humbled by your faith in my abilities to further the IMLI mission in serving the rule of international maritime law."*

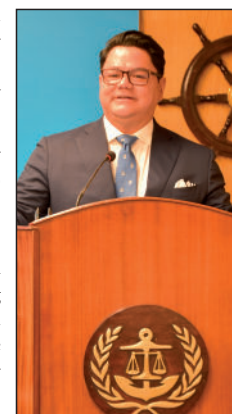
IMLI COMMENCES ITS 34TH ACADEMIC YEAR

IMLI welcomed the 34th generation of students on 10 October 2022. The students of the Academic Year 2022-2023 were welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Faculty and Staff.

When addressing the Class of 2022-2023, Professor Martínez said that it was an honour and a privilege to welcome such a diverse class full of talented individuals to IMLI's 34th Academic Year.

The Director told the students that IMLI was established to train maritime experts, especially from developing countries, on the whole spectrum of international maritime law and on the incorporation and effective implementation of IMO treaties and rules into their domestic legislation.

Professor Martínez noted that he was confident that the students' efforts and the Institute's commitment to deliver the highest standards of training will make this Academic Year a very successful and rewarding one.



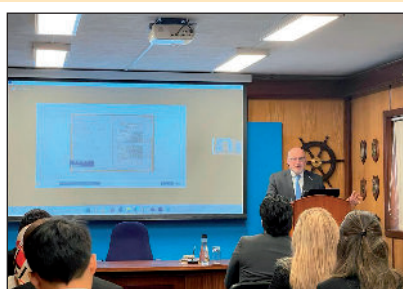
Professor Dr. Norman
A. Martínez Gutiérrez
(Director, IMLI) delivering
the welcoming remarks

Class of 2022-2023 taking
the Oath of Allegiance to the
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IMLI'S INAUGURAL LECTURE

Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal and External Affairs) delivered the Institute's Inaugural Lecture for the Academic Year 2022-2023 on the day of commencement of the academic year. His lecture was entitled "Maritime Governance at IMO: History, Functions and Structure". Mr. Kenney was introduced to the Class by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who described him as a longstanding friend and supporter of the Institute, who is also actively serving in its Academic Committee.



Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. delivering the Inaugural Lecture to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023

Professor Martínez informed the students of Mr. Kenney's commitment to come to Malta and deliver a lecture each year at IMLI and added that it was a real honour to have him once again at the Institute to inaugurate the Academic Year 2022-2023.

Mr. Kenney thanked the Director for his warm welcome and expressed his pleasure to be able to deliver IMLI's Inaugural Lecture in person for the first time in three years. He informed the students that being at IMLI to lecture is one of the highlights of his year, especially because, when he looks across the lecture hall, he sees the future of maritime law. In addressing the students, he expressed his hope that he will see the students representing their countries as delegates to IMO or engaged in work in the maritime sector of their countries to fully implement the IMO treaty regime.

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).



H.E. Ambassador Vanessa Frazier and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez

The distinguished guests were welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who expressed his delight at their visit. Professor Martínez thanked Ambassador Frazier for her support to the Institute. Ambassador Frazier in turn reiterated her full support of IMLI and its global mission in capacity-building in international maritime law.

She expressed her concern about Climate Change and the threat of Sea Level Rise, especially to Small Island Developing States which are the most vulnerable and registered her appreciation of the academic initiatives of the Institute to raise awareness and help States develop national policies to overcome these challenges.

Ambassador Frazier further recorded that she was always delighted to meet with IMLI graduates working in all areas of maritime law and 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 equality.

IMO RECEIVES THE MALTA MARITIME AWARD FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IMLI

During the first Malta Maritime Awards held on 3 October 2022 on the occasion of the Malta Maritime Summit Week, the IMO was presented with the Malta Maritime Award in Recognition of the Establishment of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). The Award was received by Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) who, on behalf of the IMO Secretariat and Member States, thanked the organizers for such a prestigious award. This event was attended by highly esteemed personalities in the international maritime community from around the world.



Mr. Kitack Lim receiving the award from Hon. Dr. Aaron Farrugia (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects of Malta)

The Secretary-General, in his acceptance address, stated that the establishment of IMLI at that time was insightful, especially considering the developments that were taking

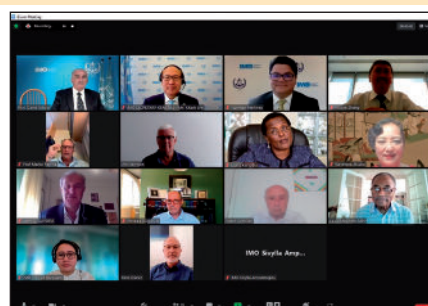
place in the maritime sector. He noted that locating the Institute in Malta was also very significant and went on to express his deepest appreciation to the Government of Malta for its continuous devotion and support to the Institute since its establishment. Additionally, Mr. Lim noted the extraordinary growth of the Institute over the last 33 years.

In concluding his address, Mr. Lim stated that "We at IMO are very proud of IMLI".



IMLI GOVERNING BOARD HOLDS ITS 36TH SESSION

The 36th session of the IMLI Governing 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 J. Attard, Professor Dr. 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 Dr. Marko Pavliha, and Mr. Xiaojie Zhang. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, Ms. Sivila Ampatzoglou and Ms. Galuh Rarasanti attended the session as observers.



36th Session of the IMLI Governing Board

The Governing Board commended the Institute for its financial stability and expressed its satisfaction with the progress made by IMLI despite the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic. It expressed its appreciation to the IMLI Faculty and Staff, as well as to all the distinguished visiting fellows who taught at IMLI in the past academic year for their continuous efforts to maintain the Institute's highest academic standards. The Board also expressed its deepest appreciation and best wishes to Professor David Attard on his retirement and confirmed their support to Professor Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez in his new role as IMLI Director.

IMLI FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT IMO HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON

The IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM) met on Friday 2 December 2022 at the IMO Headquarters in London. The meeting was attended by Mr. Jim Harrison, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez, Professor Dr. Philippe Boisson, Dr. Reto Dürler and Mr. Xiaojie Zhang.



The IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee (FINCOM)

Mr. Jim Harrison presided over the meeting in his capacity as the Chairman of the Committee. He welcomed the Members and congratulated Professor Martínez, for his recent appointment as IMLI Director. Mr. Harrison assured Professor Martínez of the Committee's unreserved support in ensuring that the Institute continues to deliver its capacity-building mission in a sustainable manner.

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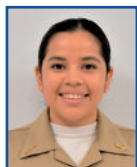
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