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

The United Nations General Assembly during its seventy-eighth session adopted on 5 December 2023 Resolution A/RES/78/69 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea". The General Assembly, through this Resolution, acknowledged for the sixteenth consecutive year the contribution of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) to capacity-building.



Paragraph 29 of the document states:

[...] recognizes the importance of the work of the Malta-based International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization, 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;



The IMLI Director, Faculty and Staff are proud of this continued recognition of the Institute's work to enhance capacity-building in the full spectrum of international maritime law.

LAWYER AND SPECIALIST IN COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAW LECTURES AT IMLI

On 4 January, 2024 IMLI had the pleasure of once again welcoming *in situ* Dr. Axel Henriksen (Lawyer, Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law).

Dr. Henriksen was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), and the IMLI Faculty.

After being introduced to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024, Dr. Henriksen proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled "Ship Building Contracts: A Practical Perspective".



*Dr. Axel Henriksen (Lawyer,
Specialist in Commercial
and Corporate Law)*



Dr. Axel Henriksen (Lawyer, Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2023-2024

IMLI ALUMNUS REPRESENTS HIS COUNTRY AT ITLOS

IMLI alumnus, Mr. Lester A. Ortega Lemus (Guatemala, Class of 2008) pleaded before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) during the oral hearings in the Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States and International Law – COSIS – which took place in Hamburg, from 11 to 25 September 2023.

Mr. Ortega Lemus represented his country, Guatemala, during the hearings, acting as Representative (in advisory proceedings, an equivalent to the position of Agent in contentious cases) and producing the written submissions of his country during the single round of written pleadings. The Tribunal is expected to render its Opinion during the first quarter of 2024.



Mr. Lester A. Ortega Lemus pleading before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Mr. Ortega Lemus undertook the IMLI LL.M. in International Maritime Law in 2007-2008 academic year and graduated with Distinction. During the Graduation Ceremony, he was awarded the Malta Maritime Authority Prize for the Best Performance in Shipping Law.

Since the completion of his training at IMLI, Mr. Ortega Lemus has continued to serve his country in various important capacities, including as Legal Adviser of Guatemala Port Commission and Guatemala's Member of the Court of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). He has also represented his country in many international organisations, including IMO (where he successfully introduced a change in the election process of the Council of IMO and initiated the amendment of the IMO Convention), the International Criminal Court, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and the International Sugar Organization.

Mr. Ortega Lemus is also a career diplomat and currently Co-Agent of Guatemala in its contentious case with Belize in the case concerning Guatemala's Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim (Guatemala/Belize).

*Mr. Lester A. Ortega Lemus
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THE IMLI COURSE ON SEAFARERS' RIGHTS

The Institute is pleased to inform its esteemed readers that its annual Course on Seafarers' Rights will commence on Wednesday, 24 January 2024.

The Course has been praised as an important capacity-building tool in the field and has attracted policy makers and legal drafters, as well as participants from maritime administrations, heads of the departments of certification and competence of seafarers, port State control officers, labour inspectors, coastguards and naval officers and private law practitioners who handle seafarers' rights infringements. Many participants have benefited from this training initiative which lays the foundation for awareness and proactive international approaches in ensuring seafarer's protection.

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