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IMLI DIRECTOR REPORTS TO THE 130TH SESSION OF THE IMO COUNCIL

The 130th Session of the IMO Council was held between 21 and 24 November 2023 at the IMO Headquarters in London. During the Session, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) reported on the Institute's activities for the year 2022.



*Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez
(Director, IMLI) reporting to the IMO Council*

The Director provided the Council with documents detailing IMLI's operations for the year 2022, including information on the Institute's key governance arrangements, finances, programmes, students and staff, publications and projects, donors and IMLI's contribution to the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The Director was pleased to inform the Council that IMLI facilitates a hybrid learning environment which enables hundreds of professionals from around the world to participate online in its specialized courses. With great pride, the Director reported that IMLI's training continues to be sought after by many governments and professionals. By the end of the academic year 2021-2022, he reported that 985 students from 150 states and territories had graduated from the Institute's programmes.

The Director further recorded that IMLI's policy to reserve 50% of its places to deserving female candidates continues to be successful as evidenced by the large female participation in the year 2022-2023 which represented approximately 53% of the student body. The quality of the IMLI training is also now recognized by the relevant authorities in Malta. The Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) has recognized the IMLI degrees in its various programmes as meeting the relevant academic educational standards required by Malta. The Director expressed his hope that this initiative taken by the Government of Malta would be followed by governments of other countries.

With respect to cooperation, the Director in his report highlighted the close links with IMLI's sister institute, World Maritime University (WMU), as well as many other academic institutions, international organizations, and national agencies with which IMLI collaborates to deliver various training initiatives.

He then proceeded to thank the Government of Malta for its continuing support in providing the Institute's premises and for upgrading the facilities throughout the years, especially the recent refurbishment of the Institute's lecture hall with state-of-the-art equipment. Professor Martínez expressed sincere appreciation to all the Institute's donors, who, through their financial and fellowship donations make it possible for IMLI to continue its important capacity building work. He stated that IMLI continues to maintain its status as a renowned center of training and education in international maritime law. He restated that IMLI remains committed to training the maritime leaders of tomorrow by rendering a valuable service to

the IMO member states through numerous training initiatives. These efforts are critical, the Director noted, to support the implementation of the objectives of IMO, which is to establish a global maritime legal order.



In his second intervention of the day, the Director reported to the Council on the Institute's Budget for 2023 together with a proposal for 2024. In terms of financial matters, he was pleased to report that the institute remained firmly on its path of stable financial progress to support its academic goals and capacity building responsibilities. He reiterated his sincere appreciation to all the Institute's donors who contribute to the financial stability of the institute and allow IMLI to continue to flourish as a successful educational Institute.

In his conclusion, the Director stated that IMLI remains resolute in serving IMO and the international maritime community. He also appealed to the delegations present to support IMLI to continue to grow stronger in its capacity building mission.



IMLI Graduates attending IMO Council as part of their home country's distinguished delegations

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF *IDENTITÀ* VISITS IMLI

Colonel Mark Mallia (Chief Executive Officer, Identità) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 16 November 2023. Colonel Mallia was welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and the IMLI Faculty. He was then formally introduced to the Class of 2023-2024.



Colonel Mark Mallia (Chief Executive Officer, Identità) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)



Colonel Mallia meeting the IMLI Class of 2023-2024

This being Colonel Mallia first visit to the Institute, the Director gave him a tour of the Institute's premises, following which, a meeting was held between the Director and Colonel Mallia wherein they discussed matters relating to the strengthening of the cooperation between the Institute and the Agency.

ASSEMBLY APPROVES COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL

The IMO Assembly at its 33rd Session, has unanimously approved the decision of the IMO Council to appoint Mr. Arsenio Antonio Dominguez Velasco from Panama, as the next Secretary-General of the IMO. His tenure will run from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2027.



*IMO Secretary-General Elect
Mr. Arsenio Antonio Dominguez Velasco*

IMLI RECEIVES A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martinez Gutierrez (Director, IMLI) was presented with a cheque for a generous donation by the Honourable Loke Siew Fook (Minister of Transport, Malaysia).

The significant contribution of the Government of Malaysia has enabled two deserving candidates to pursue studies at IMLI during the academic year 2023-2024. The IMLI Director and Staff of the Institute take this opportunity to thank the Government of Malaysia for its goodwill and generosity towards the Institute.



Mr. Arsenio Antonio Dominguez Velasco (IMO Secretary-General Elect), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martinez Gutierrez (Director, IMLI), and the Honourable Loke Siew Fook (Minister of Transport, Malaysia) during the presentation ceremony

IMO MARITIME SAFETY DIVISION DIRECTOR LECTURES AT IMLI

On the 20 November, 2023, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of having Dr. Heike Deggim (Director, Maritime Safety Division, IMO) addressing its students.

Dr. Deggim was introduced to the Class by Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law). Dr. Sümer informed the students that Dr. Deggim is a leading expert on issues of maritime safety and that it is an honour to have her introduce the Maritime Safety Division and its numerous functions.

Dr. Deggim then proceeded to deliver her online presentation entitled “*The Role and Achievements of IMO’s Maritime Safety Division*” to the IMLI Class of 2023-2024.



IMO'S LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE DEPOSITARY AND LEGAL OFFICER LECTURES AT IMLI



Ms. Maria Pia Benosa (Depositary and Legal Officer, Legal Affairs Office, IMO) joined for the first time the Distinguished Visiting Fellows Programme. She was introduced to the Class by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who expressed his pleasure in having her address the IMLI students.

Ms Benosa delivered a set of online lectures entitled “*IMO Treaties: From adoption to Amendment*” and “*Implementing IMO Instruments*”. These lectures form part of the IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties.

Prior to joining IMO, Ms. Benosa was an Ocean Law and Policy researcher at the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore, and a Legal Officer for the Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea of the University of the Philippines. In her latter capacity, she assisted agencies within the government in various initiatives relating to ocean governance and maritime dispute resolution.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION SIGNED BETWEEN IMLI AND DICAPI

On 21 November, 2023 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IMLI and the Peruvian General Directorate of Captaincies and Coast Guard (DICAPI) on Academic Cooperation. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and VADM Rodolfo Sablich Luna Victoria (Director General of Captaincies and Coast Guard, Peru) signed the Memorandum on behalf of their respective institutions.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and VADM Rodolfo Sablich Luna Victoria (Director General of Captaincies and Coast Guard, Peru)



The Memorandum will lay the foundation for granting of fellowships by DICAPI to deserving Peruvian officials to pursue studies at IMLI. The MoU also contemplates the organization of academic activities to enhance capacity-building in the national agencies of Peru.

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION PROFESSOR ON MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW LECTURES AT IMLI

IMLI welcomed Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI) on 29 November 2023.

Professor Fitzmaurice, a leading expert in the Law of Treaties, was welcomed by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI), Faculty and Class of 2023-2024. She then proceeded to deliver a set of lectures on State Responsibility.



Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI)

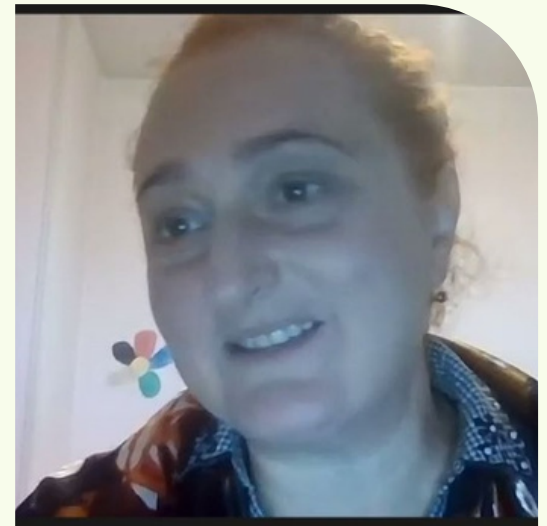


Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law, IMLI) and Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2023-2024

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE OF TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY LECTURES AT IMLI

Professor Eka Siradze (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, International Law Institute, Tbilisi State University) was welcomed again to the Institute on the 29 November, 2023.

After being introduced to the Class by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI), Professor Siradze delivered her online presentation entitled “*UN Global and Regional Treaties for the Oceans II: Regional Seas Programme*”. Her presentation forms part of the lectures being delivered within the IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties.



Professor Eka Siradze (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, International Law Institute, Tbilisi State University)

Being an IMLI Graduate herself, Professor Siradze expressed her pleasure at being invited to lecture at IMLI once again.

