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DRAFTING FOR DRAFTERS WORKSHOP HOSTED AT IMLI

The Institute had the distinct pleasure of hosting, for the first time, the *Workshop on General Principles of Drafting National Legislation to Implement IMO Conventions* between 15 and 23 January 2025.

The Workshop, which was previously organized by IMO in London, aims to enhance capacity in the drafting of national legislation which adequately implements IMO conventions. Recognizing that IMO conventions are not self-executing but rely on domestic law for their implementation and enforcement, the Workshop delved – through numerous presentations and practical exercises – into the techniques drafters need to have when drafting such implementing legislation.



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The Workshop included lectures delivered by the IMLI Faculty, together with presentations, discussions, and practical exercises delivered by IMO officers and IMO consultants.

Considering IMLI's global outreach, the Workshop provided an opportunity to disseminate knowledge to and hone the skills of 60 maritime professionals hailing from

38 countries. IMLI is very proud of this initiative which consolidates further its status as a centre of excellence in the full spectrum of international maritime law and of enhancing capacity in the effective incorporation and adequate implementation of international treaties, especially those promulgated by IMO.

The IMLI Director would like to extend his appreciation to the IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, particularly its Director, for being instrumental in the delivery of this very important Workshop at IMLI. Gratitude is also extended to the Director of the IMO Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division (TCID) for supporting this activity at IMLI as part of its Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme.



Dr. Nihan Ünlü (Deputy Director/Head, Legal Affairs Office Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) delivering the Keynote Address



Dr. Ünlü meeting the IMLI Class of 2024-2025

Dr. Nihan Ünlü (Deputy Director/Head, Legal Affairs Office Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) visited IMLI to officially inaugurate the Workshop and deliver the Keynote Address. Dr. Ünlü was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and members of the IMLI Staff.

Following her introduction to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025, Dr. Ünlü proceeded to deliver the Keynote Address entitled “*IMO’s Role in Enhancing Capacity-Building for the Adequate Implementation of International Instruments*”. On the following day, she also delivered a lecture entitled “*Maritime Transport Policy*”.



Director Martínez Gutiérrez holding a publication entitled “The Legal Regime of the Turkish Straits” authored by Dr. Ünlü. The publication may be found in the IMLI Library holdings under the Law of the Sea Section located in the Arvid Pardo Room



Dr. Nihan Ünlü (Deputy Director/Head, Legal Affairs Office Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2024-2025

On 20 January 2025, IMLI welcomed Ms. Aicha Cherif (Legal Officer, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO), Ms. Jennifer Watson and Mr. Mark Patel (IMO Consultants). Together they delivered several presentations and ran exercises on the drafting of national provisions to implement chapter V of SOLAS, Annex V of MARPOL and the COLREGs during the second week of the Workshop.



R-L Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Ms. Aicha Cherif (Legal Officer, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO), Ms. Jennifer Watson (IMO Consultant), and Mr. Mark Patel (IMO Consultant)



Ms. Cherif, Ms. Watson, Mr. Patel, and Director Martínez Gutiérrez with the IMLI Class of 2024-2025

Director Martínez Gutiérrez introducing Ms. Cherif, Ms. Watson and Mr. Patel to the IMLI Class

