Side event

14 June 2017


The purpose of the side event was to assist in the implementation of paragraph 58 of resolution 71/257 on “Oceans and the law of the sea”, in which the General Assembly encouraged States Parties to the Convention that have not yet done so to consider making a written declaration, choosing from the means set out in article 287 of the Convention for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention and the Part XI Agreement, bearing in mind the comprehensive character of the dispute settlement mechanism provided for in Part XV of the Convention.

The side event featured opening remarks by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, and presentations on the mechanisms for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention referred to in article 287 by H.E. Judge Ronny Abraham, President of the
International Court of Justice, Mr. Philippe Gautier, Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and Mr. Dirk Pulkowski, Senior Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief of the Treaty Section, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, provided information on the role of the Secretary-General of the United Nations as depositary of multilateral treaties in relation to declarations under article 287 of the Convention.

Link to the flyer for the event

Links to the presentations:
- International Court of Justice
- International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- Permanent Court of Arbitration
- Treaty Section of the UN Office of Legal Affairs