



27-28TH OCTOBER 25TH LEGAL ADVISERS MEETING

Informal Discussions on International Law

For over 25 years, the Legal Advisers of the Member States of the UN have gathered to discuss, in a dynamic, informal and enriching fashion, the most relevant issues of international law that concern the international community.

These discussions are held in the margin of the meetings of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, within the framework of the International Law Week.

This year, it is the pleasure of the Mexican Government to host this prestigious event on its 25th anniversary. We extend to you a cordial invitation.

For further details or information regarding this event please visit <http://www.un.org/law/counsel/meetings2014.html>

AGENDA

Taking stakeholders' interests into account: the admission of *amicus curiae* in international Courts and Tribunals

Delineation and delimitation of the continental shelf beyond 200M

UN Security Council's targeted sanctions and individual rights

Extraterritorial access to information: rights and duties of States

UN HEADQUARTERS
TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
ROOM

Monday 27 October
3pm - 6.15pm

Tuesday 28 October 3pm -
6pm

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2014

Introduction

15:00-15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Max Alberto Diener Sala, Legal Adviser, Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico • Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations 	N/A
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Welcome & The role of the legal advisers: An insight from the 25th anniversary of the legal advisers meetings

15:20-15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, New York, USA 	<p>The former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hans Corell • Ms. Patricia O'Brien • Mr. Nicolas Michel
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Taking stakeholders' interests into account: the admission of *amicus curiae* in international Courts and Tribunals

Currently, the procedural figure of *amicus curiae* has no specific regulation in the Procedural Rules of certain International Courts and Tribunals. However, their admission to an international dispute may be translated into an amelioration of international justice. Hence, the following issues should be addressed:

- Should *amicus curiae* be admissible in international proceedings?
- In such case, who should have the faculty to address them?
- What are the advantages of their admission?
- What are the disadvantages of their admission?

15:45-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jose Enrique Álvarez, Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law at New York University, USA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Philippe Couvreur, Registrar of the International Court of Justice, The Hague, The Netherlands. • Mr. Ricardo Ramírez, President of the WTO Appellate Body Geneva, Switzerland • Mr. Gritakumar E. Chitty, Former Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg, Germany
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Delineation and delimitation of the continental shelf beyond 200M

In the last decade, and 20 years after the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, formal claims of rights to a continental shelf that goes beyond 200M have been advanced by several States and dealt by international tribunals. In light of these recent developments the following queries arise:

- What is the legal basis for a State to effectively claim a Continental Shelf beyond 200M?
- In determining these outer limits of a State's Continental Shelf, what goes first, delineation or delimitation?

17:00-18:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Galo Carrera, Member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Thomas A. Mensah, Former President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and Deputy Director of the International Foundation of the Law of the Sea Hamburg, Germany • Mr. Philippe Sands, Professor of International Law, University College London, UK • Mr. James Crawford, Whewell Professor of International Law, The University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
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18.15	Mission of Argentina Reception.	Mission of Argentina	Contact: Min. Fernanda Millicay tel. 212 688 6300
18:30-20:30	Reception hosted by the New York City Bar Association. 42 West 44th Street		New York City Bar Association

TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2014

Time	Topic	Presenter/Chair	Panelist
8:30-9:45	Breakfast informal discussion featuring Judge Peter Tomka's "Personal Reflections as President of the ICJ" at the Vienna Café	Asian – African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)	CONTACT: royslee@optonline.net
LUNCH TIME 13:00-15:00	Establishing a compliance system for International Humanitarian Law: how will it improve respect for the law of war?	Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations/International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miguel de Serpa Soares Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel • Sima Samar Chairperson of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) • Representative of OHCHR • Christian Wenaweser Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN • Knut Doermann Head of the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross

United Nations Security Council's targeted sanctions and individual rights

In the World Summit Outcome Document (UNGA Res 60/11) Member States called upon the UNSC to ensure that fair and clear procedures exist for placing individuals and entities on sanctions lists and for removing them, as well as for granting humanitarian exemptions.

- Which are the procedures that the UNSC should establish?
- Where should individuals claim a breach to such procedures?
- How should states interpret their obligations arising from a UNSC Resolution determining sanctions to individuals *vis-à-vis* their obligations derived from human rights treaties?

15:00-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Kimberly Prost, Ombudsperson of the United Nations Security Council's 2267 Committee, New York, USA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. dr. L.J. Larissa Van den Herik, Professor of Public International Law, Leiden University, The Netherlands • Mr. Alejandro Rodiles, Research Fellow, Chair for Public Law, Public International Law and European Law, Humboldt University, Germany • Mr. Antonios Tzanakopoulos, Associate Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, Fellow in Law at St Anne's College, University of Oxford, UK
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Extraterritorial access to information: rights and duties of States

New technologies have empowered states to access to information abroad without the physical presence on a foreign territory.

- Which rules of international law govern such activities?
- Which obligations arise under international law for states undertaking such activities?

16:30-18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Marko Milanovic, Lecturer in law at the University Of Nottingham School Of Law, Nottingham, UK • Mr. Jörg Poliakewicz, Director, Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France • Mr. Harold Koh, Sterling Professor of International Law at Yale Law School, USA
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18:30	Reception offered by the US Mission		
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WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2014

Time	Topic	Organizer	Panelist
1.15 - 2.40	Responsibility of the States: State of play and the way	Czech Republic, Guatemala, Mexico,	CONTACT asousa@sre.gob.mx

	forward. CR7, NLB	Portugal, South Africa.	
18:00	Reception offered by the Mission of Australia		CONTACT: Julia.Obrien@dfat.gov.au
18:30-20:00	"The contribution of Latin America to international law" (Trusteeship Council Room)	MEXICO/ASIL	Mr. Alberto Szekely (Mexico) Mrs. Analía González (Uruguay) Mr. Santiago Villalpando (Argentina) acardenas@mexonu.org asousa@sre.gob.mx
18:00	Reception offered by the Mission of Jamaica		CONTACT: Melissa Johnson melissa.j.johnson@live.com)

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2014

Time	Topic	Organizer	Panelist
13.00-15.00	Event organized by the Mission of Israel. CR 6	Mission of Israel	CONTACT: Efrat Bouganim- Shaag Efratbs@newyork.mfa.gov.il
13.15-14:30	Biodiversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction	MEXICO/NEW ZEALAND/HSA/PEW	asousa@sre.gob.mx alexandra.lennox-marwick@mfat.govt.nz
18:30	Reception offered by Mission of the Russian Federation		CONTACT: legalrusun@yahoo.com

FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER 2014

Time	Topic	Organizer	Panelist
13.15	Event organized by the Mission of Poland	Mission of Poland	NEWYORK.UN.RSVP@msz.gov.pl 2127442506

SIDE EVENTS

The side-events are included just for ease of reference. The Mexican Mission is not organizing them unless specified. The details of contact for each side-event appear next to the event itself.