

Side event
“Choice of procedure under article 287 of the
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea”

14 June 2017

On 14 June 2017, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, organized a side event on the “Choice of procedure under article 287 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea”, on the margins of the twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.



From left to right: Mr. Philippe Gautier, Registrar, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea; H.E. Judge Ronny Abraham, President, International Court of Justice; Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel; Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief, Treaty Section, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs; Mr. Dirk Pulkowski, Senior Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration.

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](#)
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