

Programme of the 27th Meeting of the Legal Advisers

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Monday, 24 October 2016

- 3 – 315 pm **Inauguration** of 27th Meeting of the Legal Advisers (International Law Week) by USG-OLA.
- 3.15-4.30 pm 1st Panel discussion on “**Reforming Investor-State Dispute Settlement system: The Way Forward**”;
- 4.30-6 pm 2nd panel discussion on “**Strengthening the legal regime to counter terrorism**”
- 6 - 7 pm **ICJ 70th anniversary exhibition** - inauguration in the UN Building, at Visitors’ entrance,
- 7 – 9 pm New York City Bar Association **Reception** at 42 West, 44th Street, New York

Tuesday, 25 October 2016

- 3 – 4.30 pm 3rd Panel discussion on the “**Legal dimensions of the concept of climate justice**”;
- 4.30 – 6 pm 4th Panel discussion on “**Cyberspace and International Law**”.

Thursday, 27 October 2016

- 1.15pm & 2.45pm **Lunch to all the delegates to the Sixth Committee at the Permanent Mission of India**

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**27th LEGAL ADVISERS MEETING AT THE UNITED NATIONS
24-25th OCTOBER**

PROGRAM

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MONDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2016

Time & venue	Programme
3 to 3.15 pm Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN	27 th Legal Advisers meeting Welcome remarks by Dr. V. D. Sharma , Joint Secretary & Legal Adviser, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India Address by Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares , Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel

Panel 1: Reforming Investor-State Dispute Settlement system: The Way Forward.

Time & venue	Moderator	Panellists
3.15 to 4.30 Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN	Ms. Corinne Montineri , Legal Officer, UN Office of Legal Affairs, UNCITRAL, Vienna.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Gabrielle Kaufmann Kohler, Professor of Law at the University of Geneva. 2. Prof. Salim Moollan, Chair of 44th UNCITRAL; Essex Court Chambers, London. 3. Mr. Colin Brown, Deputy Head of Unit, Dispute Settlement & Legal Aspects of Trade Policy, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission, Brussels. 4. Mr. Promod Nair, Investment Dispute Settlement Expert, Advocate, Arista Chambers, India.

The Panel is expected to deliberate on the prevailing system for the settlement of international commercial disputes arising out of investment treaties and the possibilities of reform therein. The Panel in its deliberations would take into consideration, the proposed UNCITRAL topic, the possibility of creating a new international tribunal for investment and/or an appeal mechanism by using a multilateral amending procedure modelled on the 2014 Mauritius Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration. It will also examine the possibilities of a reformed investor-State arbitration framework involving a permanent investment tribunal or an appeal body – or both – and whether the “opt-in” method of the Mauritius Convention might provide a useful model for attracting the States to participate in that framework.

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Panel 2: Strengthening the legal regime to counter terrorism		
Time & venue	Moderator	Panellists
4.30 to 6.00 pm Trusteeship Council Chamber	Prof. Mohamed S. Helal , Assistant Professor of Law , Moritz College of Law, the Ohio State University	1. Ms. Maria Telalian , Head of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens, Greece. 2. Dr. Knut Dormann , Head of Legal Division and Chief Legal Officer, ICRC, Geneva. 3. Mr. Lucio Gussetti Principal Legal Adviser, European Commission, Brussels 4. TBC
<p>Terrorism is a menace and has become a continuing phenomenon. Recent years have seen the rise of non-State armed groups resorting to acts of terrorism, and the subsequent rallying of a number of other non-State entities around them. States and the United Nations have reacted to these developments by tightening existing counter-terrorism measures. It is the responsibility of the international community to cooperate in the prevention of and dealing with terrorism and to stand together in this endeavour.</p> <p>The Panel will take stock of the existing legal regime to combat terrorism and to bring the perpetrators to justice, and will highlight the efforts made in the Six Committee for a more strengthened legal regime and for an enhanced international cooperation</p>		

EVENING PROGRAMMES ON MONDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2016

Time & venue	Programme
<p>6.00 to 7.00 pm UN Visitors' Lobby, Entrance, at 1st Avenue, 46th Street</p> <p><u>Contact Point:</u></p>	<p align="center">The International Court of Justice -- “70 years in the service of Peace and Justice”</p> <p align="center">Opening of the exhibition on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the inaugural sitting of the Court</p> <p align="center">Addresses by the UN Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and the ICJ President, H.E. Mr. Ronny Abraham</p> <p>Mr. Andrey Poskakukhin, Head of Information Department, First Secretary of the International Court of Justice, A.Poskakukhin@icj-cij.org</p>
Time & venue	Programme
<p>7.00 to 9.00 pm 42West, 44th Street</p> <p><u>No R.S.V.P needed</u></p>	<p align="center">Reception by New York City Bar Association</p> <p>Mr. Lawrence C. Moss, tel: 212-396-6564, lm313@hunter.cuny.edu</p>

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2016

Panel 3: Legal dimensions of the concept of climate justice.		
Time & venue	Moderator	Panellists
<p>3.00 to 4.30 pm Trusteeship Council Chamber</p>	<p>Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson, Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law <i>Emeritus</i>; Co-Director, Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies, Pace University, New York</p>	<p>1. Prof. Christina Voigt, Oslo University, Norway. 2. Prof. Cymie Payne, Rutgers University, NJ. 3. Prof. Katrina F. Kuh, Hofstra law Schools, NY. 4. Prof. Michael B. Gerrard, Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School</p>
<p>Climate change as opposed to other environmental problems affects all sections of society. Therefore, the international legal regime to combat climate change, ensuring at the same time, climate justice, touches upon nearly every aspect of life and environment laws, human rights, trade and investment law, dispute resolution, State responsibility, law of the sea, certain adaptation measures, including migration, food security and technology transfer. Climate justice ‘links human rights and development to achieve a human-centred approach, safeguarding the rights of the most vulnerable and sharing the burdens and benefits of climate change and its resolution equitably and fairly. The preambular paragraph 13 of the Paris Agreement has noted the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans, and the protection of biodiversity, recognized by some cultures as Mother Earth; and has noted the importance of the concept of "climate justice", in taking action to address climate change.</p> <p>Deliberations on the underlying contours of climate change justice could help provide guidance to States in addressing the challenges while implementing the Paris Agreement.</p>		

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Panel 4: Cyberspace and International Law		
Time & venue	Moderator	Panellists
4.30 to 6.00pm Trusteeship Council Chamber	Prof. David Fidler, Adjunct Senior Fellow for Cyber security, Indiana University	1. Prof. Eric Talbot Jensen, Professor of Law at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. 2. Ms. Maria Zabolotskaya, Head of Section, Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow 3. Mr. Dirk Roland Haupt, Federal Foreign Office, International Cyber Policy Coordination Staff, Berlin
<p>The advent and global expansion of the internet is proving to be the fastest and most powerful technological revolution in the history of mankind. The states, non-state communities, business, academia and individuals have become interconnected and interdependent to a point never imaginable before. At the same time, military reliance on computer systems and networks has increased exponentially, thus opening a “fifth” domain next to the traditionally recognized domains of land, sea, air and outer space. Cyberspace domain is entirely man-made. It is created, maintained, owned and operated collectively by public and private stakeholders across the globe and changes constantly in response to technological innovation. Cyberspace not being subject to geopolitical or natural boundaries, information and electronic payloads are deployed instantaneously between any point of origin and any destination connected through the electromagnetic spectrum. It is easy to disguise the origin of an operation, thus rendering the reliable identification and attribution of cyber activities particularly difficult. The question arises as to the regulation of use and activities of cyberspace, and in that to what extent can existing international law be transposed to the cyber domain. The discussion on the topic could help explore the cyber domain’s international legal context including the extent of the applicability of international law in cyberspace</p>		

Thursday, 27th October 2016

Lunch

at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations

between 1.15 and 2.45pm

to all the Delegates to the Sixth Committee, Legal Advisers of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Member States, the ILC Members, Panellists and Experts.