

## UN General Assembly – Sixth Committee Panel

### Finding Solutions to State-to-State Conflicts: Legal Proceedings & Peace Building

States embroiled in regional conflicts are increasingly bringing their disputes to adjudicatory proceedings before international courts and tribunals. As seen recently in, for example, the Gulf dispute and the dispute between Ukraine and Russia, States are availing themselves of a number of international dispute resolution fora, including the International Court of Justice, to bring legal claims. Such proceedings not only stand as a means to create accountability, but can also create opportunities for broader peace-building efforts.

Even where a court or tribunal is unlikely to arrive at a final or comprehensive solution to a dispute—due to jurisdictional limits or the nature of the dispute—the adjudicatory process may still be fruitful in, among other things: drawing out each party’s perspective on international law; developing evidence and factual bases underlying the dispute; or, when taking place in tandem with political measures, building pressure on the parties to make progress. In some instances, legal proceedings can have the effect of avoiding military action.

This panel will address the following issues in exploring legal proceedings as leverage for purposes of resolving State-to-State conflicts:

- The interplay between legal proceedings, political engagements, and peace-building efforts;
- The types of claims and disputes most (and least) suitable to legal fora; and
- Strategic considerations in choice of a venue (ICJ, PCA, ITLOS, conciliation mechanisms, regional courts, etc.).

#### Date & Time

October 27, 2021 | 1:00 – 2:30pm EST

#### Moderator

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#### Panelists

**Her Excellency, Lolwah Rashid Al-Khater**, Assistant Foreign Minister and Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar [TBC]

**Professor Bruno E. Simma**, University of Michigan Law School, former judge at the International Court of Justice

**Professor Paul Williams**, American University and Co-Founder, Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG)

**Professor Anna Spain Bradley**, Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, UCLA School of Law

#### Virtual Meeting

Zoom details will be sent via registration confirmation

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