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The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 76/120 of 9 December 2021 on “Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework”.

By its resolution 76/120, the General Assembly welcomed “the organization of workshops on treaty law and practice by the Treaty Section at Headquarters and at the national and regional levels as an important capacity-building initiative [and] encourage[d] the Treaty Section to continue to organize these workshops as regularly as possible”. In its resolution, the Assembly also invited States and interested international organizations and institutions to continue to support this activity.

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs organizes workshops on treaty law and practice to increase awareness of representatives of Member States on issues pertaining to the international treaty framework. These capacity-building programmes are essential tools for facilitating the work of Member States in joining multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and registering treaties and treaty actions pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. They contribute to fostering knowledge by States of the technical and legal aspects of their participation in the international treaty framework.

The workshops on treaty law and practice cover topics related to the depositary functions of the Secretary-General for multilateral treaties and the registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. In addition, they feature specialized sessions on specific conventions deposited with the Secretary-General. The workshops are designed for representatives of Member States, Government officials and other parties interested in deepening their knowledge of the law of treaties as part of their professional activity at the national, regional or international levels.

Workshops on treaty law and practice are held at United Nations Headquarters twice a year for the benefit of legal advisers and other officials of Permanent Missions to the United Nations. Regional and national workshops are delivered upon invitation by Member States and are organized in cooperation with the host Government or organization.

In its resolution 76/120, the General Assembly noted that:

“workshops on treaty law and practice at the national and regional levels could not be organized since 2016, including owing to a lack of funds, and invite[d] States and interested organizations and institutions to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund established by the Secretary-General for the Office of Legal Affairs to support the promotion of international law, towards the financing of such workshops, or otherwise to assist in their implementation and possible expansion, as a complement to workshops on treaty law and practice held at Headquarters” (para. 7).

In order to be in a position to organize and conduct workshops on treaty law and practice at the regional and national levels, and pursuant to the request by the General Assembly contained in paragraph 7 of resolution 76/120, the Office of Legal Affairs is therefore inviting Member States to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of such workshops. Information on regional and national workshops conducted pursuant to the Treaty Section mandate is annexed to this Note. Further information may also be found at: <https://treaties.un.org>.

Should Member States find it possible to make voluntary contributions in 2023 towards the financing of workshops, or otherwise assist in their implementation and possible expansion, the Office of Legal Affairs would be grateful to receive information to this effect as soon as possible. Contributions may be made by cheque or wire transfer in accordance with the information provided in the enclosure.

Inquiries regarding contributions and the organization of workshops on treaty law and practice may be addressed to Mr. David Nanopoulos, Chief of the Treaty Section (nanopoulosd@un.org).

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.




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Trust Fund for the Office of Legal Affairs to Support the Promotion of International Law

Voluntary contributions for the organization of the Treaty Section Workshops on Treaty Law and Practice at the regional and national levels should be made at the following account and specifically earmarked for '**Treaty Section Workshops on Treaty Law and Practice**':

Bank: J.P. Morgan

Address: 4 New York Plaza, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10004

Account name: United Nations General Trust Fund

Account number: 485001985

ABA number: 0210-0002-1

Swift code: CHASUS33

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL WORKSHOPS ON TREATY LAW AND PRACTICE



General Information

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs organizes workshops on treaty law and practice to increase awareness of representatives of Member States on issues pertaining to the international treaty framework. These capacity-building programmes are essential tools for facilitating the work of Member States in joining multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and registering treaties and treaty actions pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Regional and national workshops are delivered upon invitation by Member States and are organized in cooperation with the host Government or organization, subject to the availability of funds. The General Assembly, in its resolution 76/120 of 9 December 2021, noted that workshops could not be organized since 2016 at the regional and national levels and called for voluntary contributions towards their financing.

General Assembly resolution 76/120

“invites States and interested organizations and institutions to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund established by the Secretary-General for the Office of Legal Affairs to support the promotion of international law, towards the financing of workshops [on treaty law and practice at the national and regional levels], or otherwise to assist in their implementation and possible expansion, as a complement to workshops on treaty law and practice held at Headquarters”

Objectives

Designed for representatives of Member States, Government officials and other interested parties, the workshops aim at:

- Fostering knowledge of the legal and technical aspects of States' participation in the international treaty framework
- Deepening knowledge and exchanging views on the law of treaties and on practice relating to the international treaty framework
- Preventing issues of interpretation and implementation of treaty provisions by contracting States
- Providing legal assistance and advice on the law of treaties including final clauses of treaties, the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration and publication of treaties
- Consolidating cooperation between Member States and the Secretariat



Regional workshop on treaty law and practice, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 30 May 2007



Regional workshop on treaty law and practice, Maseru, Lesotho, 14 February 2014

Workshops Content

The workshops on treaty law and practice cover topics related to :

- The depositary functions of the Secretary-General for multilateral treaties (practice of the Secretary-General, final clauses to multilateral treaties, etc.)
- The registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations
- Specialized sessions on specific conventions deposited with the Secretary-General
- Resources of the United Nations Treaty Collection website

Past regional and national workshops

2016	Regional workshop on treaty law and practice for Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, Mexico)
2015	Regional training on treaty law and practice and the implementation of treaty obligations in the Latin American Region (Asuncion, Paraguay)
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional training on treaty law and practice and the domestic implementation of treaty obligations (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)• Southern African Regional capacity-building seminar on treaty law and practice (Maseru, Lesotho)
2013	Regional workshop on the law of treaties (Lima, Peru)
2012	Regional seminar on the law of treaties (Juba, South Sudan)
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capacity-building workshop on treaty law and practice (Minsk, Belarus)• Regional Capacity-building workshop on treaty law and practice and domestic implementation of treaty obligations (Cartagena, Colombia)
2010	Regional training on treaty law and practice and the drafting of international legal instruments (Jakarta, Indonesia)
2009	Capacity-building workshop on treaty law and practice and the domestic implementation of treaty obligations (Wuhan, China)

Additional information on past workshops can be found on our website: <https://treaties.un.org>

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