



# Seminar on Treaty Law and Practice: The Work of the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

**Wednesday 2 December, 2020**  
United Nations Headquarters, New York  
(Online)

## AGENDA

- 10:30 am **Opening Remarks**  
*Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares*  
*Under Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- 10:40 am **The Work of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs**  
*Mr. David Nanopoulos, Acting Chief, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*  
▶ *General presentation of the depositary, registration and publication functions discharged by the Treaty Section*
- 11:00 am **The Role of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Treaties**  
*Ms. Arancha Hinojal Oyarbide, Head of the Depositary and Registration Units, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*  
▶ *Examination of the role of the Secretary-General as Depositary*
- 12:00 pm **Lunch break**
- 1:00 pm **The Depositary Practice of the Secretary-General**  
*Ms. Dina Hamdy, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*  
▶ *Examination of depositary practice including a review of final clauses such as participation, signature, consent to be bound, reservations, declarations*
- 2:00 pm **The Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter: Review of the General Assembly Regulations**  
*Ms. Evelyn Campos Sanchez, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs, and Ms. Shin-Yi Mak, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*  
▶ *A Review of the process of registration and publication, in light of the Regulations to Give Effect to Article 102 of the Charter, adopted by the General Assembly*
- 3:00 pm **Evaluations & Presentation of Certificates**