



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

Wednesday, 28 November 2018

United Nations Headquarters, New York
Conference Room A

AGENDA

- 10:00 am **Opening Remarks**
Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel
- 10:15 am **The Work of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs**
Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
- ▶ *General presentation of the depositary, registration and publication functions discharged by the Treaty Section*
- 10:30 am **The Role of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Treaties**
Ms. Arancha Hinojal, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
- ▶ *Examination of the role of the Secretary-General as Depositary*
- 11:15 am **Depositary Practice of the Secretary-General**
Ms. Dina Hamdy, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
- ▶ *Examination of depositary practice from adoption of treaty to its entry into force, including participation clauses, opening for signature, consent to be bound*
- 12:00 pm **The GA Regulations on the Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter: Review of the regulations**
Mr. Jorge Martinez Paoletti, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs and Mr. Gilles Landry Dossan, 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*
- 12:45 pm Lunch break



3:00 pm **Moving towards an internationally binding legal instrument on Marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)**

Legal Officer (TBC), Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, UN Office of Legal

3:45 pm **Amendments to Multilateral Treaties**

Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs

4:30 pm **The Website of the Treaty Section (<https://treaties.un.org>)**

Mr. Andrei Kolomoets, Legal Information Management Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs

► *Presentation of the website of the Treaty Section*

5:00 pm **Evaluations & Presentation of Certificates**