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OLA/UNITAR Seminar on International Treaty Law and Practice

With a Special Session on the development of a 2015 Agreement on
Climate Change

United Nations Headquarters, New York

Venue – S2724 BR

13-14 November 2014

AGENDA

Thursday 13 November 2014

- 10:00 am Registration
- 10:20 am **Opening Remarks**
Ms. Yvonne Lodico, Head, UNITAR New York Office
- 10:30am **Introductory Remarks from the Assistant-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs**
Mr. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs (TBC)
- 10:40 am **Introduction to the Law of Treaties and the Work of the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs**
Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
► *Introduction to the basic concepts in treaty law and the evolution of the treaty law system.*
- 11:40 am Coffee Break
- 12:00 pm **Final Clauses of Multilateral Treaties**
Ms. Arancha Hinojal-Oyarbide, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs
► Explain final clauses and their legal effects.
- 1:00 pm Lunch Break



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3:00 pm **Participation in Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the UN Secretary-General : workshop**
Ms. Dina Hamdy, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs

- ▶ Understand the legal requirements for participation in the multilateral treaty framework. Solve problems related to depositary requirements for multilateral treaties.

4:00 pm **Reservations to Multilateral Treaties**
Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief, Treaty Section , UN Office of Legal Affairs

- ▶ Distinguish between reservations and declarations and articulate the functions and limits of reservations.

5:00 pm **End of Day 1**

Friday 14 November 2014

10:00 am **Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter and Practice Exercise on Registration**
Ms. Fanny Schaus, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs

- ▶ Explain the mandate of Article 102 of the UN Charter and enumerate the registration procedures for Member States.

11:15 am Coffee Break

11:30 am **Special Session on the UN Conference of the Parties (COP 20), preparing for a new global agreement on Climate Change 2015**
Ms. Marcela Main, Senior Liaison Officer
Secretary General's Climate Change Support Team
Mr. Elliott C. Harris
UNEP
Director of the New York Office
Prof. Michael B. Gerrard, Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School

- ▶ *The 20th U.N. Conference of the Parties (COP 20) in Lima, issues likely to move forward.*

1:00 pm **Lunch Break**

3:00 pm **Overview of online resources – UN Treaty Collection website at <https://treaties.un.org>**
Mr. Jonathan Agar, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section , UN Office of Legal Affairs
Mr. Andrei Kolomoets, Information Management Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs

- ▶ Be able to locate and navigate treaty-related information online.

4:00 pm

Evaluation & Presentation of Certificates

Ms. Yvonne Lodico, Head, UNITAR New York Office

04:30 pm

End of Day 2



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