



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

## Special Focus: Reservations to Multilateral Treaties and General Assembly Regulations to Give Effect to Article 102 of the Charter

Wednesday, 16 December 2015

United Nations Headquarters, New York  
Venue: DOALOS Conference Room (DC2-0461)

### 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      **Introduction: The work of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs. The regime of Reservations under the Law of Treaties.**  
*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. Introduction to the regime of reservations, in light of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties*
- 11:45 am      Coffee Break
- 12:00 pm      **Final Clauses of Multilateral Treaties**  
*Ms. Arancha Hinojal-Oyarbide, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- ▶ *General presentation of final clauses of multilateral treaties, with special focus on provisions relating to reservations*
- 1:00 pm      Lunch Break



- 3:00 pm      **The Depositary Practice of the Secretary-General**  
*Ms. Dina Hamdy, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- ▶ *Case studies relating to the depositary practice of the Secretary-General, with special focus on the practice relating to reservations*
- 4:00 pm      **Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter**  
*Ms. Fanny Schaus, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- ▶ *Examination of the process of registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter, in light of the Regulations to Give Effect to Article 102 of the Charter, adopted by the General Assembly in 1946 (as amended in 1949, 1950 and 1978)*
- 5:00 pm      **Overview of online resources – UN Treaty Collection website at <https://treaties.un.org>**  
*Ms. Christel Mobeck, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- ▶ *How to locate and navigate treaty-related information online*
- 5:30 pm      **Evaluations; Presentation of Certificates**
- 5:45 pm      **End of Seminar**