



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

Monday, 21 November 2016

United Nations Headquarters, New York  
Venue: S-2726

## 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, with emphasis on the activities of the past year.*
- 10:45 am            **Developments in the Depositary Practice of the Secretary-General**  
*Ms. Arancha Hinojal, Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- ▶ *Examination of the depositary practice of the Secretary-General, with special focus on new developments and practices (see GA Resolution 70/118, para. 8(d))*
- 11:45 am            Coffee Break
- 12:00 pm            **The GA Regulations on the Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter: Current Practice and Opportunities for Reform**  
*Mr. Jonathan Agar, Legal Officer, and Ms. Christel Mobeck, 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 (see GA Resolution 70/118, para. 8(b))*
- 1:00 pm            Lunch break

3:00 pm **Depositary Practice of the Secretary-General – Case Studies in the Area of Amendments to Multilateral Treaties**

*Ms. Dina Hamdy, Treaty Officer, UN Office of Legal Affairs*

4:00 pm **Case Study: The Paris Agreement on Climate Change**

*Mr. Halldór Thorgeirsson  
Director, Secretary-General's Climate Change Support Team,  
Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
Senior Director for Strategy, UN Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC)*

5:00 pm **Introduction to the Website of the Treaty Section (<https://treaties.un.org>)**

*Mr. Jonathan Agar, Legal Officer, and Mr. Andrei Kolomoets, Information Management Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*

► *Presentation of the website of the Treaty Section*

5:30 pm **Evaluations; Presentation of Certificates**