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

Thursday, 2 December 2021
United Nations Headquarters, New York
(Online)

AGENDA

10:30 am  Opening Remarks
Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares
Under Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, UN Office of Legal Affairs

10:40 am  The Mandate of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs
Mr. David Nanopoulos, 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  Guest presentation from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the Statelessness Conventions
Ms. Marcella Rouweler, Legal Officer, UNHCR
► Examination of UNHCR’s mandate on statelessness, overview of the Statelessness Conventions and accessions to date, implementation of the Conventions
1:45 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

2:30 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

3:30 pm  End of Seminar