



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

**Thursday, 14 December 2023**  
United Nations Headquarters, New York  
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## AGENDA

- 10:00 am      **Opening Remarks**  
*Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares*  
*Under Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- 10:10 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*
- 10:40 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*
- 11:45 am      **Break**
- 12:00 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*
- 1:00 pm      **Lunch Break**

- 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*
- ▶ *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 **Guest presentation: Overview of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement)**  
*Ms Charlotte Salpin, Senior Legal Officer, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- ▶ *Presentation on the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction*
- 4:30 pm **The Work of the Sixth Committee on the International Treaty Framework**  
*Ms Moujan Shirazi-Moayed, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, UN Office of Legal Affairs*
- ▶ *Status of the Sixth Committee Agenda item on Strengthening and Promoting the International Treaty Framework*
- 5:00 pm **End of Seminar**