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UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

LATEST UPDATES TOPICS IN THE CURRENT PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ILC

1. ILC 2023: Provisional Agenda for the seventy-fourth session (A/CN.4/754)

Following are the provisional agenda for the seventy-fourth session of the UN International Law Commission to be convened in Geneva on 25 April 2023:

1. Organization of the work of the session.
2. Succession of States in respect of State responsibility.
3. General principles of law.
4. Sea level rise in relation to international law.
5. Settlement of international disputes to which international organizations are parties.
6. Prevention and repression of piracy and armed robbery at sea.
7. Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law.
8. Programme, procedures and working methods of the Commission and its documentation.
9. Date and place of the seventy-fifth session.
10. Cooperation with other bodies.
11. Other business.

UNITED NATIONS – SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL)

No Updates Available



UNITED NATIONS – DEPOSITORY NOTIFICATIONS

3rd February 2023

1. Working party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) transmits to the UNSG, in accordance with Article 18(1) of the **Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for Such Carriage (ATP)**, proposed amendments to the ATP adopted at the 77th, 78th, and 79th sessions held in Geneva. [Chapter XI-B-22] - **Document**

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2. **Türkiye** sends communication to United Nations Secretary General (acting in his capacity as depository) after examining the **objections of the Hellenic Republic** to the declaration made by the Republic of Türkiye upon ratification of the **Paris Agreement** on 11 October 2021. [Chapter XXVII-7-d] – **Document**

1st February 2023

3. **Permanent Mission of Peru** to United Nations, in accordance with **Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**, in accordance with note verbale LA 41 TR/2017/IV-A/Peru/1 dated 1 March 2017 reports to the **Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat** on the extended period of mandatory stay-at-home measure in the Puno department for all persons enforced through Supreme Decree No. 013-2023-PCM, dated **24 January 2023**. [Chapter IV-4] – **Document**

UNITED NATIONS – STATEMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL LAW

3rd February 2023

1. Daily Press Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General

Ukraine: an inter-agency convoy of five trucks delivered medications, materials for emergency shelter repairs, tool kits, hygiene items and solar lamps to the Zaporizhzhia region in the south-east of the country. The supplies are intended for people in the Huliaipole community, where around 3,000 people remain close to the front line.

South Sudan: United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) is welcoming the arrival of His Holiness Pope Francis today as an opportunity to provide a much-needed boost to the peace process. The Mission urges national authorities to take this opportunity to consolidate peace and redouble their efforts towards the full implementation of the peace deal, underscoring that this will, in turn, pave the way for free, fair and credible elections, led by the South Sudanese.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Ms. Joyce Msuya, ASG for Humanitarian Affairs will hold talks with top officials of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and humanitarian organizations in the capital, Kinshasa. They will also travel to the east to meet people most impacted by the ongoing crisis. Ms. Msuya will also meet with Government leaders, the diplomatic community and non-governmental organization representatives in Kinshasa and Goma to discuss the drivers of humanitarian needs and how to address them.

Food Price Index: FAO today releases its monthly Food Price Index for January and said that world food commodity prices declined in January for the tenth consecutive month. The FAO Food Price Index averaged 131.2 points in January; that's 0.8 per cent lower than the previous month, that's December 2022.

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2. Following Year of Political Discord, Iraq's New Government Tackles Pressing Challenges, Institutes Reforms, Senior Official Tells Security Council

Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, SRSG and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), said that, since 2003, too many opportunities to conduct meaningful reform have been wasted due to pervasive corruption. However, Iraq's new Government, ending more than a year of tensions, political discord and power play, has tackled the myriad national challenges, including the recovery of stolen funds and the investigation of corruption allegations.

3. **Daily Press Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General**

Ethiopia: Since the Cessation of Hostilities agreement in mid-November, more than 127,000 tons of food have been brought into Tigray, reaching more than 3.8 million people. Meanwhile, fighting in parts of southern Amhara and neighbouring areas of Oromia region have led to significant displacement in Amhara's North Shewa, South Wello and West Gojam zones. In the southern and eastern parts of Ethiopia, the historic drought that has gripped the wider Horn of Africa continues.

Mali: An appeal have been launched by humanitarian partners for \$751 million to meet the urgent needs of 5.7 million people, over half of whom are women and children. The launch was hosted by the Government of Mali and co-chaired by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator, Alain Noudehou. The appeal aims to mobilize the necessary funding for the Humanitarian Response Plan 2023 for the country.

Syria: In Syria, the Office of the UNHCR and the UNDP released the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan for the country, which is seeking \$5.7 billion to reach 6.8 million Syrian refugees and 6.1 million people [in host communities with assistance this year]. The agencies note that the Syria crisis will enter its twelfth year this year and remains one of the largest refugee crises in the world.

1st February 2023

4. **Daily Press Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General**

Afghanistan: Mr. Griffiths, USG for Humanitarian Affairs underscored that humanitarian agencies will continue to work and be present in Afghanistan unless there is a blanket opposition to women working. This year's Humanitarian Response Plan for Afghanistan is

seeking \$4.6 billion to help 28 million people in need, with some six million people close to famine.

Ukraine: The fierce fighting continues in the eastern Donetsk region, with civilians being killed and injured on both sides of the front line. Over the last 24 hours, the front-line city of Bakhmut reportedly came under intensive shelling again. Children were among those killed and injured.

South Sudan: In a statement, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) urged the Agwelek forces, loyal to General Johnson Olony, to refrain from any actions or movements that might pose threats to civilians and affect humanitarian operations in Upper Nile and northern Jonglei.

Central African Republic: Last week, the Mission (MINUSCA) pursued its electoral awareness campaign in Obo and in Bria to encourage strong participation in the local elections. The Mission also conducted a security assessment in the Ouham Prefecture, ahead of the planned closure of the peacekeeping base in Kouki, which contributed to improving security in the area.

Sahel: UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) report on the trafficking of medical products in the Sahel says that the high prevalence of infectious diseases — including malaria — coupled with challenges to access health care, is creating an environment in which the demand for medical products and services is not fully met through formal channels. According to UNODC, this leaves room for trafficking, provides an incentive for the involvement of organized criminal groups and fuels the ongoing threat to public safety in the region.

31st January 2023

5. Renewed Engagement Across All Sectors Crucial to Realizing Sustainable Development Goals, Speakers Tell Economic and Social Council Partnership Forum

Renewed broad-based engagement, reinvigorated political commitment and revitalized partnership across all sectors of society are needed to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, speakers told the Economic and Social Council today at its annual Partnership Forum.

30th January 2023

6. Security Council Press Statement on Terrorist Attack in Peshawar, Pakistan

The members of the Security Council underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice. They urged all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, to cooperate actively with the Government of Pakistan, as well as all other relevant authorities in this regard.



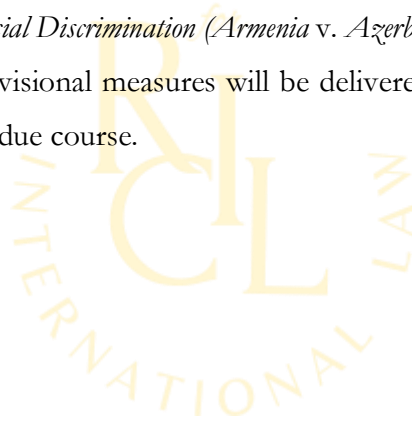
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

1. Press release No. 2023/6 [Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Azerbaijan v. Armenia)]

The public hearings on the Request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by the Republic of Azerbaijan in the case concerning *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Azerbaijan v. Armenia)* concluded today. The Court's decision on the request for provisional measures will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.

2. Press release No. 2023/5 [Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Armenia v. Azerbaijan)]

The public hearings devoted to the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by the Republic of Armenia in the case concerning *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Armenia v. Azerbaijan)* were concluded today. The Court's decision on the provisional measures will be delivered at a public sitting, the date of which will be announced in due course.



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

3rd February 2023

Press Release: Mokom case: Confirmation of charges hearing scheduled for 22 August 2023

On 3 February 2023, Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court (ICC) scheduled the commencement of the confirmation hearing in the case *The Prosecutor v. Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka* for 22 August 2023. The purpose of the confirmation of charges hearing is to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to establish substantial grounds to believe that the person committed each of the crimes charged.

Press Release: Dominican Republic makes first voluntary contribution to the Trust Fund for Victims

The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) at the International Criminal Court (ICC) takes great pleasure in announcing that the Government of the Dominican Republic made its first ever voluntary contribution of US \$10,000. The Dominican Republic is the 51st States Party of the ICC that has made a voluntary contribution to the TFV.

Upcoming hearings (February 2023)

1. **Case: *The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona*** (ICC-01/14-01/18) – Trial hearing
Date: 13 – 17 February 2023; 20 – 24 February 2023; 27 – 28 February 2023
2. **Case: *The Prosecutor v. Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka*** (ICC-01/14-01/22) – Pre-trial hearing
Date: 7 February 2023
3. **Case: *The Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman*** (ICC-02/05-01/20) – Trial hearing
Date: 13 – 15 February 2023
4. **Case: *The Prosecutor v. Mahamat Said Abdel Kani*** (ICC-01/14-01/21) – Trial hearing
Date: 21 – 24 February 2023; 27 – 28 February 2023

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

1. ITLOS – Nippon Foundation Capacity Building and Training Programme 2023 – 2024

The 17th edition of the programme on Dispute Settlement under UNCLOS is scheduled to start on 17 July 2023 and end on 29 March 2024. The application deadline is 31 March 2023.



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL LAW EVENTS

1. **9 February 2023:** The Second Symposium on Reparations under International Law
2. **20 February 2023:** The Advisory Functions of International Courts and Tribunals
3. **22 February 2023:** Climate Justice and the role of International Law

THIS WEEK'S READS

1. **The Australian Year Book of International Law Online: Special Issue in Honour of Judge James Crawford**
2. **Armed Conflict, Sexual Violence and the *Mens Rea* of the War Crime of Terrorism –**
Chile Eboe-Osuji
3. **The Legality of Unilateral Economic Sanctions under Public International Law –** Iryna Bogdanova

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