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UN INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

- The UN International Law Commission (ILC) will resume in April, 2024.

UNGA SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL)

- An Advance unofficial version of the 2023 ILC Report has now been made [available](#) for the convenience of the delegations.

For further information, please refer [here](#)

UN TREATY COLLECTION – DEPOSITORY NOTIFICATIONS

Date	Country	Issue	Action
15/8/23	Saudi Arabia	United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Chapter X-10)	Accession
17/8/23	Ecuador	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Chapter IV-4)	Notification
17/8/23	Malaysia	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Chapter XXI-6)	Withdrawal from Declaration
17/8/23	Ecuador	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Chapter IV-4)	Notification
18/8/23	South Sudan	Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (Chapter X-9)	Accession
18/8/23	Malawi	WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (Chapter IX-4)	Accession
18/8/23	St Vincent and the Grenadines	Minamata Convention on Mercury (Chapter XXVII-17)	Accession
21/8/23	Ukraine	Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Chapter XXVII-8-c)	Ratification
21/8/23	Albania	International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (XVIII-15)	Ratification

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UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

1st August 2023
Security Council

Discussion of Priorities by the President of Security Council on Programme of Work for August:

In August, the UN Security Council's top priority, led by President Linda Thomas-Greenfield (United States), is addressing conflict-induced famine and food insecurity, stressing the link between conflict and hunger. They will be organizing a high-level debate to strengthen food security initiatives and combat famine.

Human rights protection globally is another key focus. The Council plans meetings on issues like the Russian invasion of Ukraine and Syria's situation. Thomas-Greenfield highlighted conflict-induced food insecurity's global impact, particularly in Yemen, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine due to Russia's invasion. She supported efforts to restore democracy in Niger and Kenya's leadership in a non-traditional force for stabilizing Haiti. In Afghanistan, she advocated for girls' education and women's work and the use of Iranian drones and its implication on human rights in the Council, emphasizing their connection to peace and security.

11 August 2023
Secretary-General

Secretary General Condemns Assaults against United Nations Peacekeepers in Cyprus:

UN Secretary-General António Guterres condemns the assault on UN peacekeepers by Turkish Cypriot security personnel in Cyprus. The incident resulted in injuries and damage. Guterres stresses that such actions are unacceptable and may violate international law. He calls on the Turkish Cypriot side to respect UNFICYP's authority, withdraw personnel and machinery from the buffer zone, and engage constructively to resolve the issue. He also urges both parties to avoid unilateral actions that escalate tensions and hinder progress.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

No Updates Available

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1. On 22 August 2023, Court Room II of the International Criminal Court shall be confirming charges in the Mokom Case (*The Prosecutor v. Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka*) for the next three days – **English, French.**
2. On 22-23 August 2023, Court Room I of the International Criminal Court shall be proceeding with trial hearing in the Yekatom and Ngaïssona Case (*The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona*) – **English, French.**

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

1. **S. Korean official Rhee Zha-hyoung elected as judge of U.N. Sea tribunal for 3rd straight term -**

A South Korean official, Rhee Zha-hyoung, has been elected to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) for the 2023-2032 term. This marks Seoul's third consecutive win for a seat at ITLOS. The tribunal addresses maritime issues and disputes under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea. Rhee received support from 144 out of 164 voting member states, alongside six other newly elected judges, including Japan's Hidehisa Horinouchi. South Korea has held a spot at ITLOS since 1996.

INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- 1. Webinar on Floating Offshore Wind Permitting: Comparative approach between Norway and Portugal.**
 - **Hosted by:** University of Oslo, Department of Energy and Resources Law, and the Catholic University of Portugal, in collaboration with the NorthWind Research Centre.
 - **Further Details:** [here](#).
 - **Event on:** 7 September, 2023.

- 2. NLSIR Special Issue Vol 35(2) – Reimagining jurisdiction and sovereignty through TWAIL Perspective**
 - **Hosted by:** National Law School of India, India.
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 1 September, 2023

- 3. International Conference on “International Security in Cyberspace”**
 - **Hosted by:** Public International Law Department at the University of Granada.
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Event on:** 15 October, 2023

THIS WEEK'S READS

1. Global Climate Litigation Report: 2023 Status Review by United Nations Environment Programme

The Global Climate Litigation Report: 2023 Status Review reveals a surge in climate litigation cases, with 2,180 filed in 65 jurisdictions by December 2022, up from 884 in 2017 and 1,550 in 2020. Diverse groups, including youth, women, communities, and Indigenous Peoples, are leading these cases to drive climate governance reform. This update on previous reports offers insights into global climate litigation trends, aiding judges, lawyers, policymakers, activists, and businesses. It highlights the connection between environmental law, human rights, and climate change, underlining the importance of an environmental rule of law to address climate, biodiversity, and pollution crises. The report aligns with the United Nations' recognition of the human right to a clean environment.

2. The Rights of the Ecosystem and Future Generations as Tools for Implementing Environmental Law

By: Gianluca Ronca (2023)

3. A Few Reflections on State Responsibility or Liability for Environmental Harm

By: Malgosia Fitzmaurice (2023)

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