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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
24/8/23	Russian Federation	Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (Chapter X-20)	Accession
24/8/23	Slovenia	Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Chapter XXVII-15) (Amendment to Annex A, B, C)	Ratification of Amendments
24/8/23	Belarus	Convention on the Facilitation of Border Crossing Procedures for Passengers, Luggage and Load-luggage Carried in International Traffic by Rail (Chapter XI-C-7)	Ratification

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



UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. **GA/12521**
25 AUGUST 2023

Adopting 11 Drafts, General Assembly Focuses on Environmental Concerns, Cooperation with Other International Organizations, Sexual Abuse

The General Assembly adopted a decision and resolutions without a vote, urging Member States to prevent environmental crimes, combat illegal wildlife trade, and promote clean energy. Gabon highlighted the link between illicit wildlife trade and transnational crime. Mexico expressed regret for omitting a reference to a marine biodiversity agreement. Panama proposed January 26 as the International Day of Clean Energy. The US supported the resolution, while the EU regretted its focus on fossil fuels. The Assembly acknowledged the Pacific Islands Forum's 2050 Strategy. China criticized Japan's nuclear water discharge. The Russian Federation requested transparency. The Assembly also addressed cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization and UN action on sexual exploitation and abuse.

2. **SG/SM/21913**
25 AUGUST 2023

Secretary-General Calls for Comprehensive Solutions to Address Discrimination, Violence in Myanmar on Sixth Anniversary of Rohingya Displacement

The UN Secretary-General's Spokesperson marked the sixth anniversary of the forced displacement of Rohingya and others from Myanmar's Rakhine State. Approximately 1 million Rohingya are still displaced, facing additional challenges from conflict and Cyclone Mocha. The UN supports safe and dignified return efforts. Stakeholders are urged to address root causes of discrimination and violence in Myanmar, while Bangladesh's humanitarian efforts are recognized. The UN seeks comprehensive solutions and accountability for a lasting peace in Rakhine State and Myanmar.

3. **SC/15397**
25 AUGUST 2023

Measures Needed to Create Space for Diplomacy on Korean Peninsula, Peacebuilding Official Tells Security Council following Satellite Launch by Pyongyang

A UN official addressed the Security Council on North Korea's satellite launch, highlighting risks to global aviation and maritime traffic. He emphasized the need for restraint, diplomacy, and re-establishing communication channels to curb tensions. While some Council members condemned the launch and violations of resolutions, others called for diplomacy and unity. Countries like Brazil stressed compliance with international law, while Japan urged concrete action. China highlighted contextual factors and urged rational approaches. The UK disputed claims of provocations and urged Council action, while North Korea defended its right to launch satellites and

criticized the Council's stance. South Korea emphasized North Korea's nuclear threats, while Gabon urged de-escalation and rebuilding trust for resuming talks.

**4. SC/15391
21 AUGUST 2023**

Security Council Press Statement on Cyprus

The Security Council issued a press statement expressing concern over unauthorized construction by Turkish Cypriots in the UN buffer zone near Pyla/Pile. They condemned attacks on UN peacekeepers and welcomed the halt in construction, urging no further escalations. The Council supported UNFICYP's authority in the buffer zone, called for removal of unauthorized structures, and reaffirmed commitment to a just Cyprus settlement. They encouraged engagement with the UN envoy's efforts and endorsed the goal of returning to negotiations. The Council will continue to address the matter.

**5. SG/SM/21911
24 AUGUST 2023**

Calling for Reinvigorated Multilateralism, Secretary-General Tells BRICS Summit, in Fracturing World with Overwhelming Crises, No Alternative to Cooperation

At the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, UN Secretary-General António Guterres emphasized the need for unity, action, and justice to address global challenges. He mentioned the climate crisis, rising inequalities, technological concerns, and geopolitical conflicts. Guterres highlighted the necessity for a reformed multilateral architecture that reflects modern realities. He discussed the cost of a divided global economy and urged cooperation and trust-building. He emphasized the importance of compromise, respect for human rights, and solidarity. Guterres outlined priorities including redesigning the global financial system, climate action, and support for developing countries. He called for practical steps, commitment to net-zero emissions, and climate finance. Guterres stressed the importance of collective efforts for a better future.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

1. The Court, from Monday 18 to Wednesday 27 September 2023, the case of *Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide* (Ukraine v. Russian Federation: 32 States intervening) will hold public hearings on the preliminary objections raised by the Russian Federation.

See Issue – [English](#), [French](#).

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1. The Court, from Monday 28 August to Friday 1 September 2023, the case of *Yekatom and Ngaïssona Case* (The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona) will hold public hearing for trial in the Court Room I - [English](#), [French](#)
2. **ICC concludes its confirmation of charges hearing in Mokom case** - The confirmation of charges hearing in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka* concluded before the ICC's Pre-Trial Chamber II. The hearing aimed to determine if there's enough evidence for the charges. The judges will deliberate on the matter. The parties will submit written submissions by September 14, and a decision is expected within 60 days after that. The Chamber can confirm, decline, or adjourn charges based on the evidence. Appeals require authorization from the Pre-Trial Chamber.

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

1. The Court, will open on Monday 11 September 2023, the case of the *Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law*. The President of the Tribunal, Judge Albert Hoffman, will preside over the sitting. 34 states parties, and 4 intergovernmental organizations including the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS), will [participate](#) in the hearing.

INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- 1. Call for Papers: Living Environmental Law**
 - **Hosted by:** The Law Group of Wageningen University
 - **Further Details:** [here](#).
 - **Deadline:** 15 September 2023

- 2. Call for Book Chapters: International Human Rights Law in Practice Series**
 - **Hosted by:** The Editors of the International Human Rights Law in Practice Series
 - **Further Details:** [here](#).
 - **Deadline:** 31 December 2023

- 3. Joint Workshop for Young Researchers – International Law and International Relations as a Response to the Challenges of the New Globalization**
 - **Hosted by:** Spanish Association of Professors of International Law and International Relations & ESIL
 - **Further Details:** [here](#).
 - **Deadline:** 20 September 2023

THIS WEEK'S READS

1. **Institutional Arbitration: India's Attempt to Transpire as an International Hub of Arbitration in Southeast Asia**

By: Shantanu Pachahara

2. **Influencing Companies' Green Governance Through the System of Legal Liability for Environmental Infractions in China and Brazil: Lighting the Way Toward BRICS Cooperation**

By: D. Wei, A.P. Rafael

3. **Multilateral Diplomacy and International Law: 19th Century Great Power Concert and the United Nations in a Comparative Perspective**

By: Alexander Orakhelashvili



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