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UN INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

1. FRIDAY, 28 July 2023

The Commission discussed Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*" and approved section A and part of section B. While Mr. Bogdan Aurescu presented the oral report of the Study Group on "*Sea-level rise in relation to international law*," and the Commission noted the report.

2. MONDAY, 31 July 2023

The Commission approved the remaining part of section C, along with the commentary to draft articles 1 and 2, in Chapter VI on "*Prevention and repression of piracy and armed robbery at sea*" (A/CN.4/L.978 and A/CN.4/L.978/Add.1), as amended. Additionally, in Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*," the Commission approved the remaining part of section B (A/CN.4/L.979 and A/CN.4/L.979/Add.1), as amended.

3. WEDNESDAY, 2 August 2023

The Commission approved part of section C, along with part of the general commentary, in Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*" (A/CN.4/L.979 and A/CN.4/L.979/Add.1), as amended. It also conducted a memorial meeting to honor the late former member, Mr. João Clemente Baena Soares.

4. WEDNESDAY, 2 August 2023

The Commission approved a portion of section C, along with an additional part of the general commentary, in Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*" (A/CN.4/L.979 and A/CN.4/L.979/Add.1), as amended.

5. THURSDAY, 3 August 2023

The Commission approved the remaining part of the general commentary and the commentary to draft conclusion 1 in Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*" (A/CN.4/L.979 and A/CN.4/L.979/Add.1), as amended.

6. THURSDAY, 3 August 2023

The Commission approved the following chapters:

- Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*," including a further part of section C and part of the commentary to draft conclusion 2 (A/CN.4/L.979 and A/CN.4/L.979/Add.1), as amended.
- Chapter VIII on "*Sea-level rise in relation to international law*" (A/CN.4/L.980), as amended.
- Chapter III on "*Specific issues on which comments would be of particular interest to the Commission*" (A/CN.4/L.975), as amended.
- Chapter IX on "*Succession of States in respect of State responsibility*" (A/CN.4/L.986), as amended.

7. FRIDAY, 4 August 2023

The Commission approved the following:

- Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*," including a further part of section C, part of the commentary to draft conclusion 2, and part of the commentary to draft conclusion 3 (A/CN.4/L.979 and A/CN.4/L.979/Add.1), as amended.
- Chapter X on "*Other decisions and conclusions of the Commission*" (A/CN.4/L.981), as amended.
- Chapter I on "*Introduction*" (A/CN.4/L.973), as amended.
- Chapter II on "*Summary of the work of the Commission at its Seventy-Fourth Session*" (A/CN.4/L.974), as amended.

8. FRIDAY, 4 August 2023

The Commission approved the remaining part of section C, including the remaining part of the commentary to draft conclusion 2 and draft conclusion 3 in Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*" (A/CN.4/L.979 and A/CN.4/L.979/Add.1), as amended.

The Commission also adopted its report for the seventy-fourth session, concluding its work for that session.

UNGA SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL)

Upcoming Consultations for 77th Session, 2023:

No	Date	Issues
1	Tuesday, 29 August 2023 10:00 a.m.– General Assembly Hall	Plenary meeting General and complete disarmament [item 99]: High-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests (resolution 72/51) [A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 June 2023 , was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers]
2	Thursday, 31 August 2023 10:00 a.m.– General Assembly Hall	High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace on the theme, “Promoting a Culture of Peace in the digital era” [A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 July 2023 , was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers]

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

UN TREATY COLLECTION – DEPOSITORY NOTIFICATIONS

Date	Country	Issue	Action
31/7/23	Belarus	Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Chapter XVIII-12-b)	Declaration
31/7/23	Maldives	International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Chapter IV-4)	Ratification
04/8/23	South Sudan	Convention on Cluster Munitions (Chapter XXVI-6)	Accession
04/8/23	Ecuador	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Chapter IV-4)	Notification
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SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

1. GA/12520 1st August, 2023

With Overwhelming Support, General Assembly Adopts Two Resolutions on New Oceans Biodiversity Treaty; another to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

The General Assembly adopted two resolutions on ocean biodiversity and the Permanent Court of Arbitration. One resolution focused on the entry into force of the Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction. The Russian Federation proposed an amendment to delete certain paragraphs, which was rejected. The second resolution commemorated the 125th anniversary of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Both resolutions were adopted with overwhelming support, except for a few votes against and abstentions.

2. SC/15377 3rd August, 2023

Security Council Adopts Presidential Statement Addressing Conflict-Induced Food Insecurity in Situations of Armed Conflict.

The Security Council adopted a presidential statement reaffirming its commitment to address conflict-induced food insecurity. It expressed concern about the increasing number of armed conflicts globally and the link between armed conflict and acute food insecurity for millions of people. The Council condemned the use of starvation as a method of warfare and the denial of humanitarian access, urging all parties to comply with international humanitarian law.

Ruchira Kamboj from India emphasized that 362 million people in 62 countries need humanitarian aid due to armed conflicts and crises in food, fertilizer, and energy. She stressed the need for collective global action and multilateralism to address these challenges. India has been providing humanitarian support, including 50,000 metric tons of wheat to Afghanistan and a grant of 10,000 tons of rice and wheat to Myanmar. Capacity-building support for countries facing food-related issues is crucial for building a collective future.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

No public hearing of the Court is currently scheduled

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

The ICC is on judicial recess till 11th August, 2023.

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

No Updates Available

INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- 1. Call for Papers: International Law of the Sea New Developments.**
 - **Hosted by:** School of International Law, China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing & the Faculty of Law, Cave Hill Campus, The University of West Indies (UWI), Barbados.
 - **Further Details:** [here](#).
 - **Deadline:** 1 September, 2023.

- 2. Call for Application: The 10th Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea.**
 - **Hosted by:** Korea Maritime Institute & Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, South Korea.
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 20th August, 2023.

- 3. Call for Abstracts: Misappropriation and Human Rights Implosion Symposium.**
 - **Hosted by:** The Academy for European Human Rights Protection of the University of Cologne, Germany, in collaboration with the Volkswagen Foundation.
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 14th August, 2023

- 4. Call for Submissions: German Yearbook of International Law.**
 - **Hosted by:** the Walther Schücking Institute for International Law at the University of Kiel.
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 30th September, 2023

THIS WEEK'S READS

1. **The Role of International and Regional Courts in Future-proofing Environmental Jurisprudence Through Advisory Opinions.**

By: Manon Ruby (2023)

Recommended Read: **Climate Justice in International Courts: Working towards a Livable Future.**

2. **Climate Change Litigation before the African Human Rights System: Prospects and Pitfalls.**

By: Yusra Suedi, Marie Fall (2023)

3. **The Law of Treaties in Wartime: The Case of Black Sea Grain Initiative**

By: Gregor Novak, Helmut Aust (2022)

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