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## UN INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

1. **25th July 2023:** The Commission adopted part of section C and the commentary to draft conclusions 7, 8, and 9 of Chapter IV on "*General principles of law.*" (A/CN.4/L.976 and A/CN.4/L.976/Add.1)
2. **26th July 2023:** The Commission adopted the remaining part of section C on "*General principles of law*" and the commentary to draft conclusions 10 and 11 of Chapter IV. Additionally, it began consideration of Chapter V on "*Settlement of disputes to which international organizations are parties*" and adopted sections A, B, and part of section C, including the commentary to draft guideline 1. (A/CN.4/L.976 and A/CN.4/L.976/Add.1)
3. **27th July 2023:** The Commission noted the oral report of the Planning Group delivered by Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez and the Working Group on "*Succession of States in respect of State responsibility.*" It also adopted a further part of section C and the commentary to draft guideline 2 of Chapter V in 'Settlement of Disputes to which international organizations are parties'. (A/CN.4/L.977 and A/CN.4/L.977/Add.1).

Furthermore, the commission began consideration of Chapter VI on "*Prevention and repression of piracy and armed robbery at sea*" and adopted sections A., B. and part of section C including part of the commentary to draft article 1 (A/CN.4/L.978 and A/CN.4/L.978/Add.1), as amended.

4. **28th July 2023:** The Commission began consideration of Chapter VII on "*Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law*" and adopted section A and part of section B. The Co-Chair of the Study Group on "Sea-level rise in relation to international law", Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, gave an oral report of the Study Group on "*Sea-level rise in relation to international law.*"

## UNGA SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL)

Upcoming Consultations for 77<sup>th</sup> Session, 2023:

No	Date	Issues
1	28 <sup>th</sup> July (Friday), 10AM and 3:00 PM – Conference Room 3	<p><b>Informal consultations on the political declaration for the high- level meeting on universal health coverage</b></p> <p>[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated <a href="#">31 March 2023</a> and <a href="#">24 May 2023</a>, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]</p>
2	1 August (Tuesday), 10 AM – Trusteeship Council Chamber	<p><b>95th Plenary meeting</b></p> <p>1. Oceans and the law of the sea: oceans and the law of the sea [item 72 (a)]: Draft resolution (<a href="#">A/77/L.82</a>) and draft amendment (<a href="#">A/77/L.83</a>)</p> <p><i>Action on the draft amendment and draft resolution</i></p> <p>2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: Draft resolution (<a href="#">A/77/L.90</a>)</p> <p><i>Action on the draft resolution</i></p>
3	29 August (Tuesday) 2023 10:00 a.m.– General Assembly Hall	<p><b>Plenary meeting</b></p> <p>General and complete disarmament [item 99]: High-level plenary meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day against Nuclear Tests (resolution <a href="#">72/51</a>)</p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated <a href="#">14 June 2023</a>, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers]</p>
4	31 August (Thursday) 2023 10:00 a.m.– General Assembly Hall	<p><b>High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace on the theme, “Promoting a Culture of Peace in the digital era”</b></p> <p>[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated <a href="#">14 July 2023</a>, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers]</p>

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

## UN TREATY COLLECTION – DEPOSITORY NOTIFICATIONS

Date	Country	Issue	Action
24/7/23	Peru	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Chapter IV)	Notification
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25/7/23	Sri Lanka	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (Chapter XXVI)	Ratification
27/7/23	Viet Nam	Transport and Communication (Chapter XI-B-16)	Accession
28/7/23	Hungary	Amendment to 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Chapter XXVII-1-i)	Acceptance
28/7/23	Hungary	Amendment to 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Chapter XXVII-1-j)	Acceptance
28/7/23	Hungary	Amendment to 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Chapter XXVII-1-k)	Acceptance
28/7/23	Hungary	Amendment to 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Chapter XXVII-1-l)	Acceptance

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# UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

## SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

### 1. GA/12519 25 JULY 2023

#### Legality of Acts against Religious Symbols, Books Ignites Contentious Debate as General Assembly Adopts Resolution on Culture of Peace, Five Other Texts:

The General Assembly adopted three consensus decisions on global health and foreign policy, and three consensus resolutions on strengthening the United Nations system, the impact of rapid technological change on the Sustainable Development Goals, and promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue to counter hate speech.

The resolution on promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue sparked a heated debate regarding whether acts against religious symbols or books constitute a violation of international law. The resolution was ultimately adopted with the contentious reference intact.

Additionally, the Assembly discussed the establishment of the United Nations Youth Office, with Member States applauding the progress and efforts to empower youth and ensure their meaningful participation. The Office's functions and funding were key points of discussion, with calls for geographical representation and adequate resources.

The Assembly also adopted resolutions supporting the United Nations International School and addressing the impact of rapid technological change on the Sustainable Development Goals. Furthermore, the Assembly approved the participation of non-governmental and other organizations in upcoming high-level meetings on universal health coverage, the fight against tuberculosis, and pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.

***INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE***

No public hearing of the Court is currently scheduled

***INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT***

The ICC is on judicial recess till 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

***INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA***

No Updates Available



## *INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND LECTURES*

- 1st CRASL-SpaviaTech Law-Cakmak Aviation Law Essay Writing Competition 2023 – Hosted by Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.

Due Date for Registration: 4th August, 2023

Link: [Call for Essays](#)

- Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies – Call for Papers Winter/Spring Edition 2024 –

Submission of Manuscript: 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2023

Link: [Call for Papers](#)

- Call for Papers by Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights – “Current Issues in Armed Conflicts Conference” hosted jointly by University of Essex.

Submission for registration: 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

Link: [Call for Papers](#)

- 9th Biennial Conference of International Law by Asian Society of International Law (7-10th August, 2023) with the theme “*Reconstructing the Bandung Spirit for Asia to Lead in the New Era of International Law*” organised by University of Indonesia, Faculty of Law.

Link: [Information](#)



## ***THIS WEEK'S READS***

1. **Africa, the African Union and the International Criminal Court: Irreparable Fissures?** - **By:** Marshet Tadesse Tessema and Marlen Vesper-Gräske. (2016)
2. **Nuclear weapon-free zones and the issue of maritime transit in Latin America –**  
**By:** J Luis Rodriguez, Elizabeth Mendenhall. (2022)
3. **Transitional justice and the ongoing exclusion of sexual exploitation and abuse by international intervenors** By Jessica Anania (2022)

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