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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.
- Overall work programme which is recommended by the Bureau is shared for the Seventy-eighth session which would commence from 2nd Oct – 17th November, 2023.

2/10	3/10	4/10	5/10	6/10
- Organization of work - Intl. Terrorism	<i>[Advisory Committee]</i> Intl. Terrorism	- Intl. Terrorism - Programme planning - Protection of Persons in Disasters	<i>WG: Disasters</i>	<i>WG: Disasters</i>
Intl. Terrorism	Intl. Terrorism	Protection of Persons in Disasters	<i>WG: Disasters</i>	<i>WG: Disasters</i>
9/10	10/10	11/10	12/10	13/10
<i>WG: Disasters</i>	<i>WG: Disasters</i>	- Admin. of Justice - Crimes against humanity	Crimes against humanity	Universal Juris.
<i>WG: Disasters</i>	Criminal Accountability	<i>[Criminal accountability briefing]</i>	Universal Juris.	<i>[Admin of Justice Informal consultations]</i>

16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10	20/10
- Report of UNCITRAL - New requests for Observer Status	<i>WG: International Terrorism</i>	<i>[Residual Mechanism debate in GA]</i>	Programme of Assistance	Expulsion of aliens
Rule of Law	- Rule of Law - Responsibility of IOs	Strengthening of treaties	Report of the Charter Committee	<i>WG: Disasters</i>
23/10	24/10	25/10	26/10	27/10
ILC Cluster 1	ILC Cluster 1	ILC Cluster 1	<i>[ICJ debate in GA]</i>	<i>[ICJ President statement]</i> ILC Cluster 2
<i>[Legal advisers]</i>	<i>[Legal advisers]</i>	ILC Cluster 1 <i>[Interactive dialogue]</i>	ILC Cluster 2	ILC Cluster 2
30/10	31/10	1/11	2/11	3/11
<i>[ICC debate in GA]</i>	ILC Cluster 2	ILC Cluster 3	<i>Reserved</i>	<i>WG: International Terrorism</i>
	ILC Cluster 3	ILC Cluster 3		

6/11	7/11	8/11	9/11	10/11
Report of the Host Country Committee		- Report of WGs - Existing requests for Observer Status - Revitalization of GA	<i>[ICJ Election]</i>	<i>[No meeting]</i>
				<i>[No meeting – Deadline for submission of draft resolutions]</i>
13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11	17/11
<i>[No meeting]</i>	<i>[No meeting]</i>	<i>[No meeting]</i>	<i>Reserved</i>	-Election of officers
<i>[No meeting]</i>	<i>[No meeting]</i>	<i>[No meeting]</i>	<i>[No meeting]</i>	

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



UN TREATY COLLECTION – DEPOSITORY NOTIFICATIONS

Date	Country	Issue	Action
10/8/23	Peru	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Chapter IV-4)	Notification
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11/8/23	Georgia	Amendment to article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Chapter IV-2-a)	Acceptance
15/8/23	Peru	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Chapter IV-4)	Notification
15/8/23	Saudi Arabia	United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Chapter X-10)	Accession

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



1. Security Council, Meeting Coverage 9th August 2023

Continued Military Hostilities, Sexual Violence, Attacks against Citizens Pushing Sudan into 'Catastrophic' Humanitarian Crisis, Speakers Warn Security Council

UN officials warn of ongoing violence in Sudan, including targeted sexual and ethnic violence, risking prolonged conflict and regional fallout. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee reports fighting between Sudanese forces, rising humanitarian needs, and recruitment of children into armed groups. UN mission condemns attacks, looting, and rape, urging an end to the war to prevent further destruction. After almost four months of conflict, over 4 million people have fled — 3.2 million internally displaced and around 900,000 as refugees in neighbouring countries. Aid delivery negotiations are complex, requiring direct engagement with parties involved. Visa delays and travel permits hinder aid scaling.

In Sudan's Kordofan and Blue Nile states, fragility persists with ongoing military actions and road closures. Active mobilization seen in support of Sudanese Armed Forces, while East remains relatively calm. Rising humanitarian needs noted, including sexual violence and child recruitment. Human rights defenders facing abductions and killings. UNITAMS denounces ethnically motivated attacks, looting, rape, and names perpetrators.

2. 11th August 2023

Secretary-General Hails Release of Five Abducted United Nations Department for Safety and Security Personnel in Yemen

The Secretary-General is pleased about the release of UN personnel Akm Sufiul Anam, Mazen Bawazir, Bakeel al-Mahdi, Mohammed al-Mulaiki, and Khaled Mokhtar Sheikh, who were kidnapped in Yemen on 11 Feb 2022. They are reportedly in good health. He expresses relief and solidarity, condemns kidnapping as inhumane, and urges accountability for perpetrators.

This raises a very important question on the **issue of promoting accountability for crimes committed against peacekeepers.**

3. 8th August 2023

Efforts to Organize Consultations with Syria Still Not Successful, Senior Official Tells Security Council, Stressing Cooperation Crucial to Close Chemical Weapon File

UN official reports unsuccessful efforts to organize consultations with Syria on chemical weapons issue. Syria's lack of cooperation hinders progress, and incomplete declarations cause concern. Despite meetings, unresolved issues persist, including undisclosed

activities and lack of technical information. Various Council members criticize Syria's non-compliance with chemical weapons obligations, call for dialogue, and emphasize the need for justice.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

1. 4th August, 2023

Three-month extension given to all States and organisations to present their written statement to the Court in the Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change to 22 January, 2024.

In the advisory proceedings on Climate Change obligations, the International Court of Justice extended the submission time for written statements to January 22, 2024, and for written comments to April 22, 2024. The extension was granted in response to a request from Vanuatu and co-signatory states, supported by the Commission of Small Island States and Chile. Further procedure is pending decision.

2. 7th August, 2023

57 Written Statements have been filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice in the Legal Consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

In the advisory proceedings on Israel's policies in Palestinian Territory, 57 written statements were submitted to the International Court of Justice. The deadline for submissions was July 25, 2023, and statements came from various countries and organizations. As per Rule 106, the Court may make the statements public after the oral proceedings start.

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

No Updates Available

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1. The Presidency of the Assembly of States Parties reiterates its unwavering support for the International Criminal Court, its elected officials, and its personnel.

The Assembly of States Parties' Presidency expresses deep concern about Russia's new arrest warrant against an ICC Judge, reaffirms support for the ICC's mandate, and emphasizes its independence. The ICC signifies accountability for grave international crimes; all states are urged to respect its integrity and unite against impunity. Commitment to defending Rome Statute principles is called upon from States Parties and stakeholders.

2. Mokom case: Confirmation of charges hearing to open on 22 August 2023 – Practical information

The confirmation hearing for "The Prosecutor v. Maxime Jeoffroy Eli Mokom Gawaka" is set to start on August 22, 2023, at the ICC. Pre-Trial Chamber II will hear arguments from the Prosecution, Defence, and Legal Representatives of Victims until August 24. This hearing aims to establish whether there's enough evidence to proceed with the charges. If confirmed, the case moves to a Trial Chamber for further proceedings.

INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

1. UNCITRAL South Asian Conference 2023

- **Hosted by:** Ministry of External Affairs, India; UNCC India;
- **Further Details:** [here](#)
- **Deadline:** 14-16 September, 2023

2. Short Course: Law of Sea (Hybrid)

- **Hosted by:** British Institute of International and Comparative Law.
- **Further Details:** [here](#)
- **Deadline:** NA

3. Call for advisory board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS)

- **Hosted by:** The International Hydrographic Organization
- **Further Details:** [here](#)
- **Theme:** Ocean Geosciences: From the Past Century to the Future Decade

- **Deadline:** 15th September, 2023.
- 4. Call for Papers: Revisiting Interactions Between Legal Orders**
 - **Hosted by:** The Department of Law of the University of Cyprus
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 15th December, 2023
 - 5. Call for Papers: Yearbook on the Law of the Sea**
 - **Hosted by:** Associazione di Consulenza in Diritto del Mare on *Maritime Security, New Technology and Ethics: Evolving Challenges and Opportunities*
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 31st July, 2023
 - 6. Call for Abstracts: Arctic edition of the Interdisciplinary Seminar Series on Climate, Energy and Sustainability.**
 - **Hosted by:** Climate Arctic Governance research network (CArGo)
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 31 October 2023

THIS WEEK'S READS

- 1. Speaking to the Future: Judge Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade lasting impact on International Law**
By: Catalina Fernández Carter (2022)
- 2. One Step Forward, Two Steps Backward: Progress Towards the EU's Proposed Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and Provisions for Global South Participation in Due Diligence Processes**
By: Caroline Omari Lichuma (2022)
- 3. International humanitarian law: An Indo-Asian perspective**
By: V. S. Mani (2012)

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