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UN INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

- The [Official version](#) of the UN International Law Commission (ILC) on the work of its 74th session (2023) covers session organization, work progress, future topics, draft articles, procedural recommendations, and other Commission decisions and conclusions.

UNGA SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL)

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



UN TREATY COLLECTION – DEPOSITORY NOTIFICATIONS

Date	Country	Issue	Action
05/9/23	China, Burkina Faso, Comoros, El Salvador, Grenada, Honduras, Kiribati, Syria, Switzerland, Singapore, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Saudi Arabia, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe	United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships (Chapter X-21)	Signature
08/9/23	Somalia	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (Chapter XXVI-4)	Signature

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

UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. GA/12527

8 SEPTEMBER 2023

General Assembly Adopts Work Programme for Seventy-Eighth Session, Including Agenda Items on High Seas Treaty, Temporarily Occupied Ukrainian Territories

The General Assembly adopted its work program for the seventy-eighth session, including new agenda items. The general debate will be from September 19 to 26, with no session on September 24 and 25. The session will close on December 4, 2023. Various committees have specific completion dates.

Agenda items include the "Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity," "Comorian island of Mayotte," "Ukraine's occupied territories," and others. Russia opposed the Ukraine item. Sri Lanka changed its voting intention on the Ukraine declaration to abstention.

Ukraine stressed the importance of addressing Russian actions in its occupied territories. The Malagasy islands issue was deferred to the seventy-ninth session. Items for discussion were allocated, including economic growth, peace and security, African development, human rights, and more. The Holy See, State of Palestine, and European Union will participate as observers.

Entities authorized to meet during the session include committees on nuclear weapons, gender equality, and others. The General Assembly will reconvene on September 11 to discuss the use of the veto.

2. GA/12528

11 SEPTEMBER 2023

Meeting after Russian Federation's Veto of Sanctions Text, General Assembly Speakers Consider Consequences for Stability in Mali

The General Assembly discussed the implications of Russia's veto on renewing Security Council measures in Mali. The President of the General Assembly emphasized the importance of the 2015 Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Mali for long-term relief and urged negotiations for peace.

In the debate that followed, some Member States expressed concern over the veto's impact, while others respected Mali's wishes. The United Arab Emirates regretted the

Security Council's failure to adopt the resolution. Japan stressed the importance of such measures for peace but criticized Moscow's behaviour. The European Union criticized Russia's veto and its impact on peace in Mali.

Russia defended its veto, arguing against automatic extensions of sanctions regimes and accusing Western countries of preserving their dominance. Venezuela supported Mali's request to terminate MINUSMA. Mali criticized the Panel of Experts' demands and its impact on sovereign choices.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea criticized interference in internal affairs. Canada, speaking for Australia and New Zealand, warned against human rights violations and Russia's self-interested political agenda. Kenya highlighted the need to address terrorist threats in Africa.

A minute of silence was observed for the victims of the recent earthquake in Morocco.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

No Updates Available

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

No Updates Available

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

- The International Tribunal for the Law of Sea shall be conducting public hearings relating to the *Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law*. The hearing shall open on Monday, 11 September 2023, at 10 AM.

Important Links: [Case page](#), [Schedule of hearing](#), [Live](#)

INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- 1. Asia/Pacific Conference: Law and Technology in the Changing World.**
 - **Hosted by:** Yonsei University.
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Event:** October 10 to October 13, 2023
- 2. Call for Papers: Common Interests and Common Spaces – Institutional Approaches to Dispute Settlement.**
 - **Hosted by:** The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 13 December, 2023
- 3. Call for Papers: International Community Law Review Special Issue – The Evolving Role of International Judicial Advisory Opinions.**
 - **Hosted by:** International Community Law Review
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 1 December, 2023

THIS WEEK'S READS

- 1. [Context in the History of International Law:](#)**

By: Andrew Fitzmaurice (2018)
- 2. [Is the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea up to the Task?](#)**

By: Vladyslav Lanovoy & Sally O'Donnell (2021)
- 3. [Archipelagic Atoll States and Sea Level Rise](#)**

By: Clive Schofield & David Freestone (2022)

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