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UN INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

- The Official Report of the International Law Commission (**Seventy-fourth session**) has been published. The report includes information concerning the organisation of the session, the progress of work and the future work of the Commission on the topics given substantive consideration during the session, the texts of draft articles and commentaries adopted by the Commission during the session, any procedural recommendations of the Commission calling for a decision on the part of the General Assembly as well as other decisions and conclusions of the Commission.



**INTERACTIVE SESSION
WITH STUDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
ON THE WORK OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION
BY PROF BIMAL N PATEL**







**2ND
JANUARY 2024**
AT 1530H - 1700H

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION,
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- On 2 January 2024, Prof Bimal N Patel will be interacting with students of Public International Law on the work of International Law Commission from 1530-1700 hours in Indian Standard Time (IST). For registration, please scan the **following**.

UNGA SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL)

In accordance with [resolution 77/249](#), the Sixth Committee will resume its meeting at the present session of the General Assembly from 1 to 5 and 11 April 2024, in order to continue its consideration of agenda item 80, [Crimes against humanity](#).

For further information, please refer here

UN TREATY COLLECTION – DEPOSITORY NOTIFICATIONS

Date	Country	Issue	Action
21/12/2024	Andorra, Peru, Mauritius	United Nations Regulations Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles with regard to the Protection of the Environment (Chapter - XI-B)	Notification of Amendments

For further information, please refer here.

UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

**1. SC/15543
21 DECEMBER 2023**

Violence Raging ‘In All Theatres of Syria,’ UN Special Envoy Tells Security Council, Urging Return to Political Track Inclusive of All Actors, All Issues

The Special Envoy for Syria briefed the Security Council on escalating violence, stressing the need for a return to the political track. Geir O. Pedersen highlighted tragic consequences for civilians, urging restraint and a nationwide ceasefire. He emphasized the critical importance of refocusing on the political process outlined in resolution 2254 (2015) in 2024.

Lisa Doughten reported the 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan for Syria is only 33% funded, severely limiting assistance. Council members echoed calls for restraint, addressing the worsening humanitarian situation. Appeals were made for renewed authorizations for the Bab al-Hawa border crossing and respect for international humanitarian law.

In the debate, the United States blamed the Assad regime, Russia criticized Western motivations, and Syria called for an end to sanctions. Representatives from Iran and Türkiye emphasized addressing root causes, urging de-escalation. Overall, the session underscored the pressing need for a political solution, increased humanitarian funding, and cooperative efforts to ease tensions in Syria.

**2. SC/15546
22 DECEMBER 2023**

Security Council Requests UN Coordinator for Humanitarian Aid in Gaza, Adopting Resolutions 2720(2023) by Recorded Vote

The Security Council adopted resolution 2720 (2023), requesting the appointment of a Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator for the Gaza Strip. The resolution demanded immediate, safe, and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance to Palestinian civilians. The coordinator is tasked with facilitating, coordinating, monitoring, and verifying the humanitarian nature of relief consignments, emphasizing cooperation from all relevant parties.

The Council further urged parties to allow all available routes for humanitarian assistance throughout Gaza, including the prompt implementation of the Karem Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom border crossing. It reiterated demands for compliance with international law, immediate release of hostages, and provision of fuel to meet humanitarian needs. The resolution called for the coordinator to report to the Council every 90 days.

The United States, casting a veto, opposed an amendment for an urgent suspension of hostilities. The resolution, presented by the United Arab Emirates, was described as addressing the dire humanitarian situation while protecting aid delivery and demanding the release of hostages. Israel emphasized its security concerns in aid deliveries, while the State of Palestine called for an immediate ceasefire to halt ongoing war crimes. The Russian Federation expressed disagreement with the resolution and regretted the tragic moment for the Council. France criticized the Council for not being more ambitious in its language regarding a ceasefire and urged condemnation of terrorist attacks and sexual violence.

3. **SG/SM/22098**
29 DECEMBER 2023

Secretary-General Condemns ‘in the Strongest Terms’ Overnight Large-Scale Attacks by Russian Federation on Ukrainian Cities, Civilians, Critical Infrastructure

UN Secretary-General António Guterres strongly condemns the large-scale missile and drone attack by Russia on Ukrainian cities, including civilian areas and critical infrastructure. The assault resulted in at least 24 civilians killed and over 134 injured. Such attacks violate international humanitarian law and must cease immediately. Guterres extends condolences to the victims' families and wishes a speedy recovery to the injured.

4. **SC/15551**
30 DECEMBER 2023

As Russian Federation’s War on Ukraine Continues, Senior United Nations Official, Briefing Security Council, Reiterates Appeal to Stop Attacking Civilians

UN official condemns escalating attacks in Ukraine and Russia during Security Council meeting. Russian missile strikes on Belgorod reported, resulting in at least 18 civilian deaths and 100 injuries. Ukrainian drone attacks in Russia also mentioned.

Council members express deep alarm, call for de-escalation, and emphasize the need for diplomatic efforts. Representatives from Russia blame Kyiv regime, accuse Western involvement, while Ukraine urges daily Council meetings to address the ongoing conflict. US holds Putin responsible for the war, vows support for Ukraine. France highlights civilian suffering, asserts the war's consequences for Russia. UN reiterates urgent appeal to end attacks on civilians and infrastructure.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

1. On 29 December 2023, the Republic of South Africa institutes proceedings against the State of Israel to indicate **provisional measures**. This is in pursuant to Article 41 of the Statute; the Application includes a request that the Court indicate provisional measures to protect the rights invoked herein from imminent and irreparable loss. Available in **English, French**.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

No hearings till 5 January, 2024. For more information, please [visit](#).

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

No such updates as such. For more information, please [visit](#).

INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- 1. Call for Paper: Cambridge International Law Journal 12th Annual Conference**
 - **Hosted by:** University of Cambridge
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 7th January, 2024
- 2. Call for Paper: Journal of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict**
 - **Hosted by:** Völkerrecht
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 15th January, 2024
- 3. Call for Paper: Law, Culture and Humanities Conference**
 - **Hosted by:** University of Pennsylvania
 - **Further Details:** [here](#)
 - **Deadline:** 31st January, 2024

THIS WEEK'S READS

- 1. [Judicial Independence and Impartiality: Tenure Charges at the European Courts of Human Rights](#)**

By: Helga Molbæk-Steensig and Alexandre Quemy
- 2. [Ambiguities in the EU's rights-based approach to liberal order](#)**

By: Johanne Døhlie Saltnes
- 3. [Normative transformation and the war on terrorism: the evolution of targeted killing, torture, and private military contracting](#)**

By: Lucrecia García Iommi

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