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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.
- Rashtriya Raksha University in India and the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding, marking a collaboration focused on academic, research, and training programs. This partnership aims to advance knowledge and innovation in international law, offering new opportunities for academic excellence and impactful programs in India and the United Kingdom. [Link](#)



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 April 2024, in order to continue its consideration of Agenda item 80, Crime Against Humanity

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

UN TREATY COLLECTION – DEPOSITORY NOTIFICATIONS

Date	Country	Issue	Action
22/1/24	France	Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Chapter XXXVII-4-B)	Approval
22/1/24	France	Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Chapter XXXVII-4-A)	Approval
22/1/24	France	Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Chapter XVII-4)	Withdrawal of Declaration
22/1/24	Palau	Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (Chapter XXI-10)	Ratification

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

UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. SG/SM/2213
23 JANUARY 2024

Two- State Solution ‘Only Way to Avoid Endless Cycles of Fear, Hatred, Violence’, Secretary General Tells Security Council Debate on Middle East

In his remarks to the Security Council, UN Secretary-General António Guterres expressed profound concern over the Middle East situation, particularly the enduring conflict between Israel and Hamas. He emphasized the indiscriminate and tragic nature of the conflict, citing over 1,200 Israelis killed in terror attacks by Hamas and more than 250 taken hostage. Guterres called for the immediate release of hostages and highlighted the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, where over 25,000 Palestinians, mainly women and children, have reportedly been killed, and 60,000 others injured, amid an intensifying military offensive.

Addressing the broader regional context, Guterres urged de-escalation, emphasizing the need for political solutions in Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen. He reiterated the call for a two-State solution in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and stressed the rejection of this solution by the highest levels of the Israeli Government. The Secretary-General called on the international community to unite in supporting a meaningful peace process, asserting that the two-State solution remains the only viable path to achieve durable and equitable peace in the region.

2. SG/SM/22114
24 JANUARY 2024

Calling Terrorism All-out Assault Itself, Secretary – General Urges ‘Fighting This Inferno Now, before It Spins Out of Control’, in Meeting Remark

In his remarks at the meeting of the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact in New York, UN Secretary-General António Guterres expressed deep concern about the escalating threat of terrorism in Africa. He highlighted the continent's rapid transformation into a global epicentre of terrorism, with groups like Da'esh and Al-Qaida exploiting local conflicts and causing widespread violence.

Guterres emphasized the urgent need for sustainable, inclusive development to address the conditions conducive to terrorism and stressed the importance of anchoring counter-terrorism efforts in human rights principles. He called for collective action to combat terrorism in Africa, focusing on prevention, governance, justice, and the protection of marginalized communities, particularly women and girls who often bear the brunt of terrorist acts. Guterres urged immediate and comprehensive efforts to lift the shadow of terrorism that is spreading across the continent.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

- On 26 January 2024, the Court delivered its order on the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by South Africa in the case concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (**South Africa v. Israel**). Available in: **English, French**.
- On 31 January 2024, the Court will deliver its judgment on the merits in the case concerning Application of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (**Ukraine v. Russian Federation**). Available in: **English, French**.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

- From 29 January 2024 till 2 February 2024 the Court shall conduct the trial hearing in Courtroom I, in the case of **The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona**. Available in: **English, French**.
- From 29 January Onwards, the Court shall conduct trial hearing in Courtroom III, in the case of **The Prosecutor v. Mahamat Said Abdel Kani**. Available in: **English, French**.

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 Book Chapters: Digital Strategies, Law, and Governance**
 - **Hosted by:** Various Authors
 - **Details:** [Here](#)
 - **Deadline:** March 31, 2024
- 2. Conference: International Conference on Climate Change**
 - **Hosted By:** India International University of Legal Education and Research, Goa.
 - **Details:** [Here](#)
 - **Deadline:** February 2, 2024
- 3. Call for Application: Max Planck Summer Academy 2024**
 - **Hosted by:** Max Planck Institute
 - **Details:** [Here](#)
 - **Deadline:** January 31, 2024
- 4. Call for Application: Ocean Governance Capacity Building Training Program**
 - **Hosted by:** United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of Seas (Caribbean & Latin America Region)
 - **Details:** [Here](#)
 - **Deadline:** February 11, 2024
- 5. Call for Application: IFLOS Summer Academy**
 - **Hosted by:** International Foundation for the Law of Sea
 - **Details:** [Here](#)
 - **Deadline:** April 15, 2024
- 6. Call for Application: ITLOS Nippon Foundation Capacity Building and Training Programme**
 - **Hosted by:** International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
 - **Details:** [Here](#)
 - **Deadline:** March 15, 2024

THIS WEEK'S READS

1. **Three Worlds: the West, East and South and the competition to shape global order**

By: G John Ikenberry

2. **Asian Civilizations and International Law: Some Reflections**

By: B.S. Chimni

3. **Practicing Reflexivity in International Law: Running a Never-Ending Race to Catch Up with the Western International Lawyers**

By: Julia Emtseva

