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**IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE**

**(a) Report of the Governing Board**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

**SUMMARY**

*Executive summary:* This document provides the Annual Report of IMLI's Governing Board

*Strategic direction:* 3.1

*High-level action:* 3.1.3

*Planned output:* 3.1.3.1

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 5

*Related documents:* C 108/13(b) and TC 62/9

1 The annexed twenty-third Annual Report of the Governing Board of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) is presented to the Council, through the Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of Article 10(h) of the IMLI Statute, which requires the Governing Board to report annually to the Council on the work of the Institute.

2 The Governing Board met at the Organization's Headquarters in London on 18 April 2012, to consider the Institute's operations for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 academic years. Budgetary and financial issues considered by the Board are reported in document C 108/13(b).

3 In considering the Institute's academic progress, the Board noted that 33 candidates had graduated in the academic year 2010/2011. The intake of the 2011/2012 academic year included 38 students in the LL.M. programme, with an additional four students in the Advanced Diploma programme; three students in the Institute's short courses; one student in the Research Degree programme; and four students in the Ph.D. programme.

4 The Board expressed its appreciation to all visiting lecturers who taught at IMLI in the past academic year and commended the Director, faculty and staff of IMLI for their continuous efforts to maintain the Institute's high academic standards and financial stability.

**Action requested of the Council**

5 The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in this document and comment, as it may deem appropriate.

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## ANNEX

### TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

#### (A) Introduction

1 This is the twenty-third Annual Report of the IMLI Governing Board, following its 26th session convened on 18 April 2012 in London. The report covers the Institute's academic progress and its financial position for the years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 in light of: student intake; funding raised by the Institute; and the auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2011. Membership of the Governing Board is listed in attachment 1.

#### (B) Milestones of academic years 2010/2011 and 2011/2012

2 IMLI continues to play an increasing role in guiding the development of the next generation of maritime legislators and promoting capacity-building, partnership development and the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Through its global network of 594 graduates, the Institute has influenced the development of national maritime legislation of every developing region.

3 The sterling work achieved by the Institute was given international recognition by the UN General Assembly which adopted in December 2011, for the fourth consecutive year, Resolution A/Res/66/231 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea". The Resolution, inter alia, *"recognizes the importance of the work of the International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization as a centre of education and training of Government legal advisers, mainly from developing States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute"*.

4 In 2010, the Institute launched its book series "IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law" dedicated to publishing of original, scholarly contributions, which analyse key issues in international maritime law that are of interest to students and scholars in maritime law, maritime lawyers and barristers, and professionals in the shipping industry. The Director of the Institute, Professor David Attard, is the General Editor of the Series. Published by Routledge simultaneously in London and New York, the first volume of the Series, entitled *"Limitation of Liability in International Maritime Conventions: The Relationship between Global Limitation Conventions and Particular Liability Regimes"*, was met with very positive reviews. It is expected that, within the year 2012, Dr. Mitja Grbec's book *"Extension of Coastal State Jurisdiction in Enclosed or Semi-enclosed Seas: An Adriatic Perspective"* will be published as volume two of the Series.

5 IMLI is currently in the initial stages of the production of the "IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law". The proposed Manual, to be published by Oxford University Press, will adopt an all-encompassing approach to international maritime law, which comprises the Law of the Sea, Shipping Law, Marine Environmental Law and International Maritime Security Law. The Manual will look at all these areas from the point of view both of their history and their contemporary development. In treating the subject in both breadth and depth, the work will aim at providing both the academic world and practitioners with a source of information on what the law is and on the most up to date theory and research relating to it. It will also provide comprehensive references and bibliography on the subjects, so that its users will have a single source from which to branch out into even more detailed research

in the areas studied. The Manual will comprise three volumes: Volume I will be dedicated to the Law of the Sea and will be edited by Professor David Attard, Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice and Dr. Norman Martínez; Volume II will focus on Shipping Law and will be edited by Professor David Attard, Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Professor Ignacio Arroyo, Dr. Norman Martínez, Ms. Elda Belja and Mr. Ruben Maceda; and Volume III will be devoted to Marine Environmental Law and International Maritime Security Law and its editors are Professor David Attard, Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Dr. Norman Martínez and Mr. Riyaz Hamza.

**(C) LL.M. programme: enrolment and academic progress**

6 The 2011/2012 academic year commenced on 12 September 2011 with an intake of 38 students from 29 States. Represented for the first time were Bolivia, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Kingdom.

7 The public international law and law of the sea components of the programme were conducted under the supervision of the Director.

8 The shipping law and maritime legislation drafting components were conducted under the supervision of the resident lecturers, Dr. Norman Martinez, Mr. Ruben Y. Maceda, Ms. Elda Belja, and Mr. Riyaz Hamza. Course lectures on carriage of goods by sea, maritime legislation drafting, law of marine insurance, maritime safety law, wreck removal and limitation of liability were delivered by the Visiting Fellows: Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds, Q.C., Professor Frank L. Wiswall Jr., Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha, Mr. John McPhail, Dr. Philippe Boisson and Dr. Patrick J.S. Griggs CBE and the resident lecturers.

9 The maritime legislation drafting component of the programme required significant dedication on the part of the lecturers, particularly in the form of tutorials with individual students. A special effort was made to ensure that the maritime legislation drafting projects prepared by students reflected the needs and characteristics of the legal system of their States.

10 The Institute's roster of visiting fellows comprised distinguished experts and practitioners from all fields of maritime law as well as eminent academics from leading universities. The Governing Board expressed its appreciation of their services and essential input to the academic excellence of the Institute.

**(D) Examination and graduation**

11 At the time of the preparation of this report, the students were in the process of completing their maritime legislation drafting projects and dissertations.

12 The 2011/2012 academic year will conclude with examinations in the law of the sea and shipping law and the assessment of the students' dissertations and maritime legislation drafting projects by the external examiners, Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha (Slovenia) and Mr. Archie Bishop (United Kingdom).

13 A total of 31 students were awarded the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law at a ceremony held in Vittoriosa on 7 May 2011. The Chairman of the Governing Board and IMO's Secretary-General, Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, addressed the ceremony, and the valedictory address was delivered, on behalf of the graduating class, by Mr. Buba Bojang (the Gambia).

14 Following the graduation ceremony, the graduates embarked on the traditional field trip to London, accompanied by Professor David Attard and Dr. Norman Martinez, to visit the Headquarters of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds, Lloyd's of London, Thomas Miller & Co. (Managers of the UK P&I Club), and the IMO Headquarters.

15 By the end of the 2010/2011 academic year, a total of 530 students from 119 States and territories worldwide will have successfully undergone studies under the Institute's LL.M. programme. The IMLI graduates' profile is listed in attachment 2.

16 The 2012 graduation ceremony, to be presided by the Chairman of the Governing Board, Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, and IMO's Secretary-General, Mr. Koji Sekimizu, is scheduled to be held on 5 May 2012, following which, the graduates will participate in the traditional post-programme field trip to London.

#### **(E) Advanced Diploma programme**

17 During the 2010/2011 academic year one student was awarded the Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law.

18 The 2011/2012 Advanced Diploma programme currently has an intake of four. The programme may be undertaken between one and five years.

#### **(F) Ph.D. programme**

19 During the 2010/2011 academic year, four students were enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme. One of them, Dr. Mitja Grbec (Slovenia) was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) for his thesis entitled "Extension of Coastal State Jurisdiction in Enclosed or Semi-enclosed Seas: An Adriatic Perspective".

20 Four students are presently enrolled in the Ph.D. programme for the academic year 2011/2012.

#### **(G) Research Degree programme**

21 During the 2010/2011 academic year, one student was enrolled in the Magister Juris (M.Jur.) in International Maritime Law. The student is scheduled to complete his M.Jur. studies on 12 September 2012.

#### **(H) Short Courses**

22 Participants from Australia, Côte d'Ivoire, and the Republic of Korea enrolled in the Institute's short courses for the 2011/2012 academic year.

#### **(I) Library**

23 During the academic year under review, the library continued to expand its acquisition of texts on different legal systems and now possesses most of the major textbooks in the field of international maritime law. However, a limited budget poses a major obstacle to adequate expansion and subscription to essential electronic legal databases.

24 Law firms and distinguished personalities also continued to add to the library's expansion through book donations. It is worth noting that the collection of national maritime legislation donated by students each year continues to grow. Further donations and external sponsorships of acquisitions will be sought in the coming months.

25 The library's tailor-made search engine software enables students to efficiently navigate through its total catalogued holdings of over 3,500.

**(J) Promotional activities**

26 During the 2010/2011 academic year, a total of 68 issues of the Institute's electronic newsletter, *IMLI e-news*, was distributed to a database of worldwide personalities in the maritime sector in over 120 States and territories on a weekly basis throughout the academic year. Another 19 issues were published during the first semester of the 2011/2012 academic year.

27 Since the last report to the Council, the Institute published the 27th and 28th issues of the IMLI News focusing on IMLI activities during the second semester of the 2010/2011 academic year and the first semester of the 2011/2012 academic year. Particular mention was made, inter alia, to the relations the Institute maintains with international organizations and institutions, the launching of the Series "*IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law*", the conferment of Honorary Titles and Degrees to personalities in the field of international maritime law, and the generous funding in the form of scholarships provided by the Institute's donors. A new edition of the Institute's Global Directory was published in 2011 listing the eminent practitioners and authoritative academics who lecture at IMLI and the contact details of the IMLI graduates who constitute what has become known as the "IMLI Global Network". It provides useful information on the Institute's programmes and courses and records the support which the Institute receives from many quarters.

28 On the occasion of the 2012 graduation ceremony, the Institute will publish its Graduation Brochure.

29 The Institute has revamped its website to update and modernize its appearance and facilitate guest searches. IMLI has done this to increase traffic to its website and boost its success in delivering information to past, current and prospective students. Data content is constantly reviewed and updated, with information being made more accessible and available on the revised website. In an attempt to broaden its audience, IMLI has also joined several social networks including Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. These have allowed readers to see real-time updates to the Institute's website with notices on all networks and given them the ability to ask questions and post comments in real-time.

Month	Visits	Unique Visitors	Pageviews	Pages per Visit	Avg. Time on Site	Bounce Rate	New Visits
<a href="#">Dec-11</a>	2,984	2397	10713	3.59	00:03:21	50.74%	74.93%
<a href="#">Nov-11</a>	3206	2645	12161	3.79	00:03:32	48.81%	76.54%
<a href="#">Oct-11</a>	3382	2752	12351	3.65	00:03:28	49.02%	76.26%
<a href="#">Sep-11</a>	3198	2436	12812	4.01	00:03:47	46.84%	71.42%
<a href="#">Aug-11</a>	2880	2188	12022	4.17	00:04:11	47.22%	71.81%
<a href="#">Jul-11</a>	2974	2302	11831	3.98	00:03:54	46.23%	73.20%
<a href="#">Jun-11</a>	3081	2463	12425	4.03	00:03:46	47.78%	76.01%
<a href="#">May-11</a>	3210	2372	14180	4.42	00:04:14	45.14%	71.90%
<a href="#">Apr-11</a>	1512	1164	6668	4.41	00:04:13	44.58%	76.85%
<a href="#">Mar-11</a>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<a href="#">Feb-11</a>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<a href="#">Jan-11</a>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	26,427	20719	105163				
<b>Average</b>				4.00555556	00:03:63	47.37%	74.32%
* No statistics taken							

All IMLI publications are available on the Institute's website at [www.imli.org](http://www.imli.org).

#### (K) Academic year 2012/2013

30 Applications for the forthcoming academic year 2012/2013 Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme have been invited by means of IMO Circular letter No.3237.

#### (L) The Nippon Foundation teaching positions

31 Following the signing of a new cooperation Agreement between Mr. Sasakawa and Professor Attard, two teaching positions were established under the project entitled "Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Order of the Oceans". The positions are The Nippon Foundation Professorship on Marine Environmental Law and The Nippon Foundation Lectureship on International Maritime Security Law. The first position to be filled was The Nippon Foundation Lectureship on International Maritime Security Law. The chosen candidate was Mr. Riyaz Hamza (Sri Lanka), who joined the Institute in November 2010. Subsequently, after an international recruitment campaign and a rigorous selection process, Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice (United Kingdom/Poland), was recruited and joined the Institute in August 2011 as The Nippon Foundation Professor on Marine Environmental Law.

#### (M) Conferment of Honorary Titles and Awards

32 The Degree of Doctor of International Maritime Law *Honoris Causa* was awarded to Mr. Patrick J.S. Griggs CBE on 7 May 2011.

33 The Award for Meritorious Contribution towards the Progressive Development and Codification of International Maritime Law was bestowed on Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos on 7 May 2011.

34 The Award for Meritorious Contribution towards the Progressive Development and Codification of International Maritime Law will be bestowed on the Comité Maritime International on 5 May 2012.



**Attachment 1**

**GOVERNING BOARD  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012**

**Chairman**

Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos Secretary-General Emeritus,  
International Maritime Organization

**Members Emeriti**

Mr. William A. O'Neil Secretary-General Emeritus,  
International Maritime Organization

Dr. Chandrika Prasad Srivastava, KCMG Secretary-General Emeritus,  
International Maritime Organization

**Members**

Dr. Philippe Boisson Communication Director and Legal Adviser,  
Marine Division, Bureau Veritas

Mr. Reto Dürler Head,  
Swiss Maritime Navigation Office

Dr. Patrick Griggs, CBE Former President,  
Comité Maritime International

Mr. Jim Harrison Group Legal Director,  
Lloyd's Register

Mr. Louis Mbanefo President,  
Nigerian Maritime Law Association

Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha Head of Law Department,  
Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation,  
University of Ljubljana

Ambassador Lino Vassallo Permanent Representative of Malta to IMO

Prof. Frank L. Wiswall, Jr. Vice-President (*Honoris Causa*),  
Comité Maritime International

Attachment 2

STUDENT PROFILE

I. Participants in the Institute's programmes and courses (1989 – 2011)

Academic Year	Master of Laws in International Maritime Law (*)	Diploma in International Maritime Law (**)	Doctor in Philosophy in International Maritime Law (***)	Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law (****)	Short Courses (*****)
1989 – 1990	18				
1990 – 1991	20				
1991 – 1992	15				
1992 – 1993	17				
1993 – 1994	12				
1994 – 1995	20				
1995 – 1996	17				
1996 – 1997	25				
1997 – 1998	17				
1998 – 1999	19				
1999 – 2000	25				
2000 – 2001	24	1			
2001 – 2002	22				
2002 – 2003	22		2		
2003 – 2004	29		4		2
2004 – 2005	28	1	1		9
2005 – 2006	31		1	2	3
2006 – 2007	35		3	3	5
2007 – 2008	32	1		2	8
2008 – 2009	36	1	1	2	
2009 – 2010	35		1	2	3
2010 – 2011	31		2	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>

(\*) Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law. The main purpose of the programme is to train lawyers in relevant areas of international maritime law, including the law of the sea, marine environmental law and shipping law. The intensive programme lasts one academic year, beginning in September and ending in May of the following year and features taught courses, research work and a number of field trips. Particular emphasis is placed on the acquisition by students of legislative drafting skills.

(\*\*) Diploma in International Maritime Law. The Diploma in International Maritime Law is awarded to students in the LL.M. programme who failed to fulfil the necessary requirements to be awarded the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law.

(\*\*\*) Doctor in Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law. The Ph.D. programme is based on a thesis of not more than 100,000 words. The duration of the research undertaken must be between three and five years and it can be largely performed from abroad. A short period of compulsory residence may be required from students who are not graduates of the Institute. The students are listed in this table only once, in the year they joined the programme.

(\*\*\*\*) Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law. The programme is designed to benefit professionals involved in maritime practice, both in the private and public sectors (including at the most senior levels) who, because of their careers, are unable to be away from their jobs for any length of time in excess of a few weeks per year. The programme can be undertaken within a minimum period of one academic year and a maximum period of five academic years. The students are listed in this table only once, in the year they joined the programme.

(\*\*\*\*\*) Short Courses. The Institute offers short courses throughout the academic year. These self-contained courses form part of the modular system followed in the LL.M. programme and are designed for applicants who are not able to attend the Institute for a whole academic year or any extended period of time and are particularly interested in a specific area of maritime law.

**II. Origin of the students (including participants in all programmes and courses):**

Albania	1	India	8	Senegal	2
Algeria	13 <sup>a</sup>	Indonesia	3	Serbia	1
Angola	12	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7	Seychelles	3
Antigua and Barbuda	1	Iraq	1	Sierra Leone	6
Argentina	2	Italy	6 <sup>k</sup>	Slovenia	5 <sup>v</sup>
Azerbaijan	4 <sup>b</sup>	Jamaica	2	Solomon Islands	1
Bahamas	4	Japan	2	South Africa	4
Bahrain	2 <sup>c</sup>	Jordan	4	Spain	1 <sup>w</sup>
Bangladesh	8	Kazakhstan	2	Sri Lanka	10
Barbados	1	Kenya	12	Sudan	1
Benin	1	Latvia	7	Suriname	2
Brazil	8 <sup>d</sup>	Lebanon	2	Switzerland	2
Bulgaria	5 <sup>e</sup>	Liberia	3	Thailand	5
Burundi	1	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4	Togo	1
Cameroon	7 <sup>f</sup>	Lithuania	5	Tonga	1
Cape Verde	2	Madagascar	3	Trinidad and Tobago	2
China	12	Malawi	4	Tunisia	2
Chile	1	Malaysia	6 <sup>l</sup>	Turkey	5
Colombia	2	Maldives	8 <sup>m</sup>	Tuvalu	1
Comoros	2	Malta	85 <sup>n</sup>	Uganda	2
Congo	3 <sup>g</sup>	Marshall Islands	2	Ukraine	3
Cook Islands	1	Mauritania	1	United Republic of Tanzania	11 <sup>x</sup>
Costa Rica	1	Mauritius	4	United States of America	8 <sup>y</sup>
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Mexico	5 <sup>o</sup>	Uruguay	2
Croatia	2	Mongolia	2 <sup>p</sup>	Vanuatu	2
Cuba	1	Mozambique	6	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	8	Myanmar	6 <sup>q</sup>	Viet Nam	4
Dominica	5	Namibia	2	Yemen	1 <sup>z</sup>
Dominican Republic	1	New Zealand	1	Zambia	4
Ecuador	2	Nicaragua	1	Zimbabwe	1
Egypt	3	Nigeria	56 <sup>f</sup>		
Eritrea	2	Niue (New Zealand)	1		
Estonia	1	Norway	1		
Ethiopia	6	Pakistan	9		
Fiji	4	Panama	2		
France	2 <sup>h</sup>	Papua New Guinea	4	Hong Kong, China	1
Gambia	5	Peru	6	Palestine	1
Georgia	8	Philippines	12 <sup>s</sup>		
Germany	2	Poland	2		
Ghana	10	Portugal	1 <sup>t</sup>		
Greece	3 <sup>i</sup>	Republic of Korea	2 <sup>u</sup>		
Grenada	1	Russian Federation	6		
Guatemala	2	Saint Kitts and Nevis	3		
Guyana	2	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2		
Haiti	1	Samoa	6		
Honduras	6 <sup>j</sup>	Saudi Arabia	8		

**Total number of States/Territories: 123**

For more detailed information kindly refer to the Institute's website, Student Directory menu  
[http://www.imli.org/directories\\_pages/directories1.htm](http://www.imli.org/directories_pages/directories1.htm)

- a The figure includes a Ph.D. student and a student who was awarded a Diploma in International Maritime Law.
  - b The figure includes a student who was awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law.
  - c The figure includes a student who was awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law.
  - d The figure includes a short course participant and a Ph.D. student.
  - e The figure includes a short course participant.
  - f The figure includes three students who were awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law and one Ph.D. student.
  - g The figure includes a short course participant.
  - h The figure includes a short course participant.
  - i The figure includes two Ph.D. students (one of whom was awarded the Ph.D. Degree).
  - j The figure includes a student who was awarded the Ph.D. Degree.
  - k The figure includes three short course participants and one Advanced Diploma student.
  - l The figure includes two short course participants.
  - m The figure includes a Ph.D. student.
  - n The figure includes the two-three annual scholarships that the Institute grants to Maltese students enabling them to undertake studies in the LL.M. programme (in terms of the IMO-Government of Malta Agreement establishing the Institute in 1988). It also includes five Advanced Diploma students (four of whom were awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law) and three Ph.D. students (two of whom were awarded the Ph.D. Degree), together with 14 short course participants.
  - o The figure includes a student that was awarded a Diploma in International Maritime Law.
  - p The figure includes a short course participant.
  - q The figure includes a student that was awarded a Diploma in International Maritime Law.
  - r The figure includes two Ph.D. students.
  - s The figure includes two short course participants.
  - t The figure refers to an Advanced Diploma student.
  - u The figure refers to two short course participants.
  - v The figure includes a student who was awarded a Ph.D. Degree.
  - w The figure refers to a short course participant.
  - x The figure includes a short course participant.
  - y The figure includes a short course participant, three students that were awarded an Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law and a Ph.D. student.
  - z The figure refers to a student who was awarded a Diploma in International Maritime Law.
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