# Introduction

At its 3303rd meeting, on 24 May 2016, the International Law Commission requested the United Nations Secretariat to prepare a memorandum on ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available, which will survey the present state of the evidence of customary international law and make suggestions for its improvement. This is in connection with the Commission’s topic ‘Identification of customary international law’; in August 2016 the Commission has provisionally adopted, on first reading, a complete set of sixteen draft conclusions, which may be found in Chapter V of the Commission’s 2016 report to the General Assembly ([A/71/10](http://undocs.org/A/71/10)). A copy of the sixteen draft conclusions is attached. For this purpose, the present questionnaire aims to collect information from your organization or entity with regard to three aspects:

1. How your organization or entity makes publicly available the decisions and resolutions adopted under its auspices.
2. How your organization or entity makes publicly available any information concerning the conduct of States in relation to the mandate and activity of your organization or its decisions and resolutions.
3. How your organization or entity makes publicly available any information concerning its own practice.

The aim of the questionnaire is to identify those publicly available sources of such information, as well as to collect any data concerning information which is not currently publicly available, but which could be made available if resources were dedicated to such an effort. Whenever the questionnaire refers to the “publication” by your organization of any information, the question is intended to encompass all forms of publication, including print materials, websites and online databases. In this regard, you are kindly requested to provide the full bibliographic details, the methods of dissemination, as well as the languages in which they are produced. It would also be useful to hear of any publications that are being planned.

The completed questionnaire should be submitted electronically to Mr. David Nanopoulos at [nanopoulosd@un.org](mailto:nanopoulosd@un.org) and Ms. Judith Maclang-Violago at [maclang@un.org](mailto:maclang@un.org) before **1 May 2017**. Hard copies may be addressed to the United Nations Headquarters OLA/COD: attn. Secretariat of the International Law Commission, 405 East 42nd Street, Room DC2-0566, New York, NY 10017, USA.

An electronic version of this questionnaire can be found at <http://legal.un.org/ilc/>.

# General information

**Focal point**

**Phone number**

**Office address**

**Email address**

**Name and email address of Director**

# Questionnaire

## *Reporting*

**Which areas of international law are particularly relevant to the mandate and activity of your organization?**

**Does your organization publish the decisions, resolutions and official statements adopted by the organization or its organs?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, where could these be accessed (please include ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization separately publish the decisions, resolutions and official statements adopted by the organization or its organs, which concern legal issues?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how are these accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization publish the treaties, other agreements, or other binding legal acts and instruments adopted under its auspices?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how are these accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization publish any official annual or periodical report on its activities in general?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how are such reports accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization separately publish any official annual or periodical report on its activities specifically dealing with legal issues?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how are such reports accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization publish annual or periodical reports on the legal opinions rendered by counsel of the organization, if any?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how are such reports accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization contribute to collections of legal opinions published by third parties, such as the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, which are these (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization regularly collaborate with any academic publication?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, which one(s) (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## *Evidence of State practice and acceptance as law (*opinio juris*)*

**Does your organization publish the verbatim or summary records of meetings in which representatives of States participate?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can they be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization publish the video or audio recording of such meetings?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can they be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization publish diplomatic correspondence addressed to it from States or the correspondence it circulates on behalf of States?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can it be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization collect information concerning diplomatic acts and correspondence of States relating to its mandate and activity?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, does it publish such information?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can it be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization collect information concerning the conduct of States (including legislative and administrative) in relation to a particular treaty, or in relation to particular decisions or resolutions adopted under the provisions of a treaty, including the constitutive instrument of the organization?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, does it publish such information?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can it be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization collect information concerning decisions of national courts in relation to its mandate and activity?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, does it publish such information?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can it be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization collect information concerning decisions of international courts and tribunals which are relevant to its mandate and activity?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, does it publish such information?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can it be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization collect information concerning public statements made by States in relation to the mandate and activity of the organization?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, does it publish such information?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can it be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization collect information concerning official publications of States in relation to the mandate and activity of the organization?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, does it further disseminate such information?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can it be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization collect information concerning government legal opinions in relation to its mandate and activity?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, does it publish such information?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can it be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## *Practice of your organization*

**Does your organization publish the official correspondence it sends to States?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can such correspondence be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization publish its official correspondence with other international organizations?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can such correspondence be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization publish the minutes of internal meetings of its Secretariat?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can these be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your organization publish all the decisions and internal instructions adopted by its administrative bodies?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can these be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Do mechanisms exist for the legal review of decisions and internal instructions adopted by its administrative bodies (for instance, internal administrative tribunals dealing with employment-related disputes)?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, are their decisions published?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how are they accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**How can press releases of the organization be accessed (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Are the organization’s archives open to the public?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**Is there an access to information policy or procedure in place?**

Yes  No  Not applicable

**If yes, how can such policy be viewed?**