# Introduction

At its 3303rd meeting, on 24 May 2016, the International Law Commission requested the 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.

The present questionnaire aims to collect information from your Government in this regard. The aim of the questionnaire is to survey the publicly available sources of State practice, as well as to collect any data concerning information which is not currently publicly available, but which could be made available if resources were provided for such an effort. Even quite short answers would be useful; the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs will follow up as necessary.

Whenever the questionnaire refers to the “publication” by your Government of any information, the question is intended to encompass all forms of dissemination, including websites, digital databases, print publications and audio-visual materials. 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 and Ms. Judith Maclang-Violago at 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/>.

# Responding Government and Contact person

**Responding Government**

**Name of contact person**

**Position and title**

**Email address and Phone number**

# Questionnaire

## Digests and State archives

**Does your Government publish a digest of its State practice relevant to international law?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, how often?**

**What is the name of the publication and how can it be accessed (please include ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish such a digest of its practice, for example private publishers, academic institutions or other unofficial bodies?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Are the State 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?**

## Diplomatic acts and correspondence

**Does your Government publish information concerning its diplomatic acts and correspondence?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish such information, for example private publishers, academic institutions or other unofficial bodies?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## International organizations and intergovernmental conferences

**Does your Government publish information on its conduct in connection with resolutions adopted by a regional or international organization or at an intergovernmental conference?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish such information?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your Government publish information concerning decisions, regulations, directives or other legislative or administrative acts issued by regional or international organizations of which your State is a member?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish such information?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## Treaties

**Does your Government publish information on its conduct in connection with treaties?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish such information?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your Government publish information concerning treaties of which it is the depositary?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish such information?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## Executive conduct

For the purposes of this questionnaire, the term “executive conduct” includes:

* + 1. executive orders, decrees and other measures;
		2. official statements on the international plane;
		3. official statements before a domestic legislative body, such as a parliament or assembly;
		4. official statements to the media;
		5. official publications, i.e. documents published in the name of a State, such as military manuals and official maps;
		6. claims or pleadings before national courts and tribunals;
		7. claims or pleadings before sub-regional, regional or international courts and tribunals
		8. opinions of Government legal advisers; and
		9. other executive acts.

**Does your Government publish official information concerning its executive conduct?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Does your Government separately publish information regarding its executive conduct specifically relating to issues of international law?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish information concerning its executive conduct?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your Government publish information regarding any operational State practice “on the ground”, including law enforcement and seizure of property, as well as battlefield or other military activity?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish such information?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## Legislative conduct

**Does your State publish information concerning its legislative acts, such as laws, regulations and legislative decrees?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Does your State have a separate publication concerning its legislative acts specifically relating to international law?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish information concerning the legislative acts of the State?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your State publish information relating to meetings of its legislative body or bodies, such as parliamentary records, transcripts, reports or archives?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Does your State separately publish information relating to meetings of its legislative body or bodies, such as parliamentary records, transcripts, reports or archives, concerning issues of international law in particular?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish information relating to meetings of its legislative bodies?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## Judicial acts

**Does your State publish the orders, judgments or other decisions of its national courts?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Does your State have a separate publication for orders, judgments or other decisions of its national courts relating specifically to international law?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish information regarding orders, judgments or other decisions of its national courts?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

**Does your State publish information regarding orders, judgments or other decisions of international, regional or sub-regional courts and tribunals?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

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

**Is your Government aware of other entities that publish such information?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, who are these entities?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## Teachings

**Is your Government aware of any law journals or other academic publications on international law published in your country, which reports on the practice of your State?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, please provide a list of these journals (please include title(s), ISSN and/or URL)**

**Is your Government aware of any audio-visual resources on international law available in your country?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, which are these?**

**How are these materials accessible (please include title(s), ISBN, ISSN and/or URL)?**

## United Nations publications

**Does your Government contribute to the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**Does your Government contribute to the *United Nations Legislative Series*?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**Does your Government contribute to other United Nations publications of practice in the field of international law, such as on the law of the sea?**

Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ]

**If yes, which are these?**

## Any other information and future plans

**Does your Government have any other information concerning available sources of your State’s practice?**

**Does your Government plan to make available in the future any of the information mentioned in the questions above that is not currently available?**