

Side event in the context of the 70th anniversary of the International Law Commission

The International Law Commission and the fight against impunity

May 8th, from 1.15 to 2.45pm, CRs 11 and 12

2018 marks not only the 70th anniversary of the International Law Commission, but also the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The roots of the Statute go deep in the history of the Commission.

Criminal law, both at the international and at the national levels, has been a main area of focus of the Commission since its inception. The ILC was mandated by the General Assembly in 1947 to formulate the principles of international law recognized by the Nuremberg Tribunal. Over seventy years, it has worked on many issues relating to international criminal jurisdiction/law, ranging from the obligation to extradite or prosecute to the definition of aggression. The ILC proposed a draft Statute for an international criminal court, paving the way for what would become the Rome Statute. Today, the ILC works on crimes against humanity and on the immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction.

This event will provide an opportunity to reflect on the achievements attained over the past seven decades and to exchange views on the current debates and challenges faced both by the Commission and the Court in the fight against impunity.

Opening remarks

Ambassador Frederico Meyer, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the UN

Keynote addresses

Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, United Nations Legal Counsel
Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji, President of the International Criminal Court

Panel

Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández, ILC member
Mr. Sean Murphy, ILC member
Mr. Gilberto Vergne Saboia, ILC member
Ms. Jennifer Trahan, New York University

Moderator

Mr. Patrick Luna, Coordinator of the Group of Friends of the International Criminal Court