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70 YEARS  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
LAW COMMISSION

*DRAWING A BALANCE  
FOR THE FUTURE*

## Programme

Trusteeship Council Chamber  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York, 21 May 2018

## 70 Years of the International Law Commission: *A Solemn Meeting*

11:00-13:00

Statement by Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina,  
Chair of the International Law Commission

Statement by H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák,  
President of the General Assembly of the  
United Nations

Statement by Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares,  
Legal Counsel of the United Nations

Statement by H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor,  
Chair of the Sixth Committee of the  
General Assembly of the United Nations

Statement by H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber,  
Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the  
United Nations

Statement by H.E. Ms. Jennifer G. Newstead,  
Legal Adviser of the Department of State of  
the United States of America

Keynote address by Mr. Nico Schrijver,  
Professor of Public International Law, Grotius  
Centre, Leiden University, and President of  
the *Institut de Droit international*

### Lunch reception

13:15-14:45

*Offered by India, Japan and Viet Nam*

(Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations,  
235 East 43rd Street, New York)

## 70 Years of the International Law Commission: *A Conversation with the Sixth Committee*

15:00-15:15

### Introductory remarks

H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Chair of the  
Sixth Committee of the General Assembly  
of the United Nations

Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina, Chair of the  
International Law Commission

### Panel I

#### The Commission and the Sixth Committee: Structural Challenges

15:15-16:30

*What are the future challenges to the progressive  
development of international law and its codification?  
Should the Commission concentrate more on general  
international law or on particular areas of  
international law? Does the distinction between  
progressive development and codification need to be  
revisited? To whom does the Commission speak: only  
to States, or also to courts and other actors?*

- **CHAIR:** Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina, Chair of  
the International Law Commission
- Mr. François Alabrune, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
France
- Mr. Mahmoud Hmoud,  
International Law Commission
- Ms. Janine Felson, Permanent Mission of Belize
- Mr. Ernest Petrič, International Law Commission

### Panel II

#### The Commission and the Sixth Committee: Reflections on the Interaction in the Past and the Future

16:45-18:00

*In what ways have the Sixth Committee and the  
Commission interacted, formally and informally, to  
advance the progressive development of  
international law and its codification? How have the  
bodies influenced each other, and what have been  
the joint achievements and the difficulties? What  
practical measures could be taken to enhance the  
relationship between the Sixth Committee and the  
Commission? How should the Commission design its  
outcomes, and how should the Sixth Committee deal  
with them? And what should the Commission look  
like in ten years?*

- **CHAIR:** H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Chair of the  
Sixth Committee of the General Assembly of  
the United Nations
- Mr. Evgeny Zagaynov, Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs, Russian Federation
- Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández,  
International Law Commission
- Mr. Angel Horna, Permanent Mission of Peru
- Mr. Hussein A. Hassouna,  
International Law Commission

#### Opening of the exhibit "70 Years of the International Law Commission"

18:00-19:00

*Reception by Portugal and the Republic of Korea  
(Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building)*

### Evening reception

19:00-21:00

*Offered by Romania*

(Permanent Mission of Romania to the  
United Nations, 573 Third Avenue, New York)