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GENERAL INFORMATION

The United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme is conducted under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, established by General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965. The Fellowship Programme is organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

OBJECTIVES

The Fellowship Programme provides high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners from different regions and legal systems on a broad range of core subjects of international law. In addition, the interactive nature of the training allows the participants to share experiences and exchange ideas, which promotes greater understanding and cooperation on legal matters.

The Fellowship Programme is intended to enable qualified professionals, in particular government officials and teachers of international law, from developing countries and countries with emerging economies, to deepen their knowledge of international law and of the legal work of the United Nations and its associated bodies.

COURSE CONTENT

The Fellowship Programme consisted of lectures at The Hague Academy of International Law (Public International Law), seminars organized by the Codification Division, and study visits.

The seminars for the 2011 Fellowship Programme included: "Introduction to international law" and "Treaty law" (O. Corten, Professor, Université libre de Bruxelles); "State jurisdiction" (C. Greenwood, Judge, International Court of Justice); "State responsibility" and "Peaceful settlement of disputes" (K. Keith, Judge, International Court of Justice); "Codification and progressive development of international law" (P. Bodeau-Livinec, Professor, University of Paris VIII); "International environmental law" (L. Boisson de Chazournes, Professor, University of Geneva); "Law of the sea" (T. Treves, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and Professor, University of Milan); "Rules of international law governing the use of force" and "The right to self-determination in international law" (A. Yusuf, Judge, International Court of Justice); "International criminal law" (R. O'Keefe, Deputy Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Cambridge); "International trade law" (D. McRae,

member of the International Law Commission and Hyman Soloway Professor, University of Ottawa); "International human rights law" (B. Ramcharan, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ad interim (2003-2004) and former Professor and Swiss Chair of International Human Rights Law at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva); "International humanitarian law" (T. Graditzky, International Committee of the Red Cross); "International organizations" and "Peacekeeping in international law" (M. M. Mbengue, Lecturer, University of Geneva); "Movement of persons" (S. Wolfson, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees); and "Diplomatic and consular law" (E. Denza, former professor, University College, London).

Study visits were organized to the International Court of Justice, the Peace Palace Library, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the International Criminal Court and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING MATERIAL

The Fellowship Programme was conducted in the form of interactive seminars and discussions to allow a maximum exchange of views. A comprehensive set of training materials was provided for each participant at the beginning of the Fellowship Programme. Certificates were awarded to those participants who had completed the Fellowship Programme in its entirety.

PARTICIPATION/QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS

Candidates for the Fellowship Programme were between 24 and 40 years of age at the beginning of the Fellowship Programme. They were law graduates with practical experience in the field of international law acquired by working for a public or private organization or a university.

Eighteen fellowship participants who attended the Fellowship Programme came from the following countries: Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania. In addition, one fellowship was awarded to a candidate from the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Two self-funded participants were selected from Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and the African Union.

VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE

The Fellowship Programme was held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands from 4 July to 12 August 2011. It was conducted in English.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information is available at <http://www.un.org/law/ilfp>.