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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 2012 Fellowship Programme included: "Introduction to international law" (G. Abi-Saab, Emeritus Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, and Honorary Professor, Cairo University's Faculty of Law); "Peaceful settlement of disputes" and "Diplomatic protection" (L. Caflisch, Honorary Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, and Chairman of the International Law Commission); "Diplomatic and consular relations" (E. Wyler, Lecturer, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva); "International environmental law" (L. Boisson de Chazournes, Professor, University of Geneva); "Law of treaties" (L. Condorelli, Professor Emeritus, University of Florence); "International humanitarian law" and "International criminal law" (E. David, Professor, Université libre de Bruxelles); "Law of the sea" (G. Burdeau, Professor, University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)); "International human rights law" (E. Decaux, Professor, University of Paris II

(Panthéon-Assas)); “International trade law” (M. M. Mbengue, Professor, University of Geneva); “International organizations” (P. Klein, Professor, Université libre de Bruxelles); and “Research in international law” and “The work of the International Law Commission” (S. Villalpando, Legal Officer, Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs).

Study visits were organized to the International Court of Justice, the Peace Palace Library, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the International Criminal Court.

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.

The 19 fellowship participants who attended the Fellowship Programme came from the following countries: Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Lao (People’s Democratic Republic), Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, and Uruguay. In addition, two self-funded participants were selected from Mexico and the African Union.

VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE

The Fellowship Programme was held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands from 9 July to 17 August 2012. It was conducted in French.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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