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17 to 25 February 2011**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law are 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 Regional Courses are organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

This Regional Course was organized by the Codification Division, in cooperation with the Government of Ethiopia and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

OBJECTIVES

The Regional Courses provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners from different regions and legal systems on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. 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 in the region.

The Regional Courses are intended to enable qualified professionals, government legal officers 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.

LECTURES

The lectures for this Regional Course included: "Introduction to international law", "State responsibility" and "Peaceful settlement of disputes" (S. McCaffrey, former member of the International Law Commission; Professor, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law); "International humanitarian law" (U. Kadam, International Committee of the Red Cross); "International trade law" (M. M. Mbengue, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva); "International criminal law" (S.-H. Song, President, International Criminal Court); "Law of the sea" (T. Treves, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea); "Human rights law" (B. Ramcharan, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ad interim); "Refugee law" (M. Medina, Senior Protection Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees); "The importance of international law in Africa in the 21st century" and "The use of force" (A. Yusuf, Judge, International Court of Justice); "International environmental law" (E. Brown Weiss, Professor Georgetown University Law Center); "Codification and progressive development of

international law” (V. Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs); and “Researching international law” (H. Abdel Ghany, Associate Legal Officer, Codification Division, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs).

METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING MATERIAL

The Regional Course 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 Regional Course. Certificates were awarded to those participants who had completed the Regional Course in its entirety.

PARTICIPATION/QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS

The Regional Course was open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations that are also members of the regional group of African States.

The 32 participants who attended the Regional Course came from the following countries: Algeria, Botswana, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE

The Regional Course was held at the facilities of ECA in Addis Ababa, from 7 to 25 February 2011. It was conducted in English.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information on the Regional Courses is available at <http://www.un.org/law/rcil>.