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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 Seoul National University, with funding provided by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

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, in particular mid-level 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.

COURSE CONTENT

The lectures for this Regional Course included: The seminars for the current regional course included: "Introduction to International Law" (S. McCaffrey, former member of the International Law Commission; Professor, McGeorge School of Law); "Law of the Sea" (J.-H. Paik, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and Dean, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University); "International Trade Law" (G. Wang, Dean and Professor (Chair) of Chinese and Comparative Law, City University of Hong Kong); "International Criminal Law" (Y. Sok Kim, Professor of Law, Ewha Womans University College of Law); "State Responsibility," "International Dispute Settlement" and "Rules of International Law Governing the Use of Force" (K. Keith, Judge, International Court of Justice); "International Environmental Law" (L. Boisson de Chazournes, Professor, University of Geneva); "International Human Rights Law" (N. Ando, former Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee, Professor Emeritus of

Kyoto University and Director of the Kyoto Human Rights Research Institute); “International Humanitarian Law” (R. Desgagné, International Committee of the Red Cross); and “Researching international law” (H. Dreifeldt Lainé, Legal Officer, Codification Division, 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 the Asian States in the United Nations. To qualify for the Regional Course, candidates had to be between 24 and 40 years of age at the beginning of the course. They had to have a legal background with professional experience in the field of international law. Candidates further had to certify that they were able to attend the entire course period. The course accommodated 26 participants.

The selected participants came from the following countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei-Darussalam, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Nepal, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE

The Regional Course was held at the facilities of KOICA, Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 15 to 26 November 2010. It was conducted in English.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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