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TOWARDS THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: INTERNATIONAL LAW
AS A LANGUAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Programme of work

I. PLENARY MEETINGS

(To be held in the Plenary Hall)

Monday, 13 March 1995

Morning

10-10.20 a.m. Opening statement by the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, Mr. Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

TOPIC 1. THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW: THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THEIR PROMOTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Moderator: Mr. Javad Zarif

10.20-10.40 a.m. Presentation by the moderator

10.40-11 a.m. Justice and stability in the international order
Mr. Hisashi Owada

11-11.20 a.m. The universality of international law: concepts and limits
Ms. Dumitra Popescu

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11.20-11.50 a.m. Mid-morning break

11.50 a.m.-1 p.m. Open discussion

Lunch break

Afternoon

3-3.20 p.m. Regional and universal prospects for the establishment and effectiveness of new principles in relations between States
Ms. Maria Teresa Infante Caffi

3.20-3.40 p.m. The evolution of the role of the United Nations in peace-keeping
Ms. Brigitte Stern

3.40-4 p.m. The promotion and implementation of international law through national courts
Mr. Jochen A. Frowein

4-4.20 p.m. Difficulties of global negotiations: the dilemma of maritime delimitation
Mr. Kari Hakapää

4.20-4.50 p.m. Mid-afternoon break

4.50-6 p.m. Open discussion

Tuesday, 14 March 1995

TOPIC 2. MEANS OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES, INCLUDING RESORT TO AND FULL RESPECT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Moderator: Ms. Rosalyn Higgins

Morning

10-10.20 a.m. Presentation by the moderator

10.20-10.40 a.m. The resources available through the Court's advisory function: results and prospects
Mr. Mohammed Bedjaoui (President of the International Court of Justice)

10.40-11 a.m. The function of the International Court of Justice in the system established under the Charter of the United Nations
Mr. Santiago Torres Bernárdez

11-11.30 a.m. Mid-morning break

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11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Open discussion

Lunch break

Afternoon

3-3.20 p.m. Diplomacy and resolution of international disputes
Mr. B. S. Murthy

3.20-3.40 p.m. Enhancing the role of regional arrangements or agencies in
the peaceful settlement of disputes
Mr. Oleg N. Khlestov

3.40-4 p.m. Development and current trends in international law with
regard to the peaceful settlement of disputes
Mr. Miguel Angel González Félix

4-4.20 p.m. The peaceful management of transboundary natural resources
Mr. Achol Deng

4.20-4.50 p.m. Mid-afternoon break

4.50-6 p.m. Open discussion

Wednesday, 15 March 1995

TOPIC 3. CONCEPTUAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE CODIFICATION
AND PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW: NEW
DEVELOPMENTS AND PRIORITIES

Moderator: Mr. Emilio Cárdenas

Morning

10-10.20 a.m. Presentation by the moderator

10.20-10.40 a.m. Progressive development and codification of international
law: the role of the General Assembly revisited
Mr. Eric Suy

10.40-11 a.m. Does codification lead to wider acceptance?
Mr. Karl Zemanek

11-11.20 a.m. Strengthening the process of codification and progressive
development of international law: the evolving functions of
the International Law Commission and increasing the
commitment of State
Mr. Alexander Yankov (on behalf of the International Law
Commission)

11.20-11.50 a.m. Mid-morning break

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11.50 a.m.-1 p.m. Open discussion

Lunch break

Afternoon

3-3.20 p.m. Democratization of international relations and its
implications for the development and application of
international law
Mr. Christopher Pinto

3.20-3.40 p.m. Codification of the law of the sea: prospects for new
developments
Mr. Vicente Marotta Rangel

3.40-4 p.m. New directions in international environmental law
Ms. Edith Brown Weiss

4-4.30 p.m. Mid-afternoon break

4.30-6 p.m. Open discussion

Thursday, 16 March 1995

TOPIC 4. NEW APPROACHES TO RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN
THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ITS WIDER APPRECIATION

Moderator: Mr. Edward Arthur Laing

Morning

10-10.20 a.m. Presentation by the moderator

10.20-10.40 a.m. The promotion of international law through research and new
teaching methods
Mr. Mohamed Bennani

10.40-11 a.m. Universal approach to the teaching of international law
Mr. Wang Tieya

11-11.20 a.m. The teaching of international law and recent changes in
international realities: continuity and modernization
Mr. Héctor Gros Espiell

11.20-11.50 a.m. Mid-morning break

11.50-1 p.m. Open discussion

Lunch break

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Afternoon

- 3-3.20 p.m. Training and education machinery in the field of international law
Mr. Luigi L. Ferrari-Bravo
- 3.20-3.40 p.m. Traditional and new fields for the development of research and education in international law
Mr. Zdzislaw Galicki
- 3.40-4 p.m. Creating world-class citizens: international law as an essential ingredient in secondary school education
Mr. Donald Buckingham
- 4-4.30 p.m. Mid-afternoon break
- 4.30-6 p.m. Open discussion

Friday, 17 March 1995

TOPIC 5. TOWARDS THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: NEW CHALLENGES
AND EXPECTATIONS

Moderator: Mr. Danilo Türk

Morning

- 10-10.20 a.m. Presentation by the moderator
- 10.20-10.40 a.m. The changing role of international law in world society
Mr. Chi Young Pak
- 10.40-11 a.m. Meeting expectations through process and practice
Sir Ninian Stephen
- 11.00-11.30 a.m. Mid-morning break
- 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Open discussion
Lunch break

Afternoon

- 3-3.20 p.m. Making international law more user-friendly
Mr. Louis Sohn
- 3.20-3.40 p.m. Problems of succession in contemporary international law
Mr. Olexander Chaly
- 3.40-4 p.m. Universality and the United Nations
Mr. Peter Maynard

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4-4.30 p.m.	Mid-afternoon break
4.30-5.40 p.m.	Open discussion
5.40-6 p.m.	Concluding statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali

II. ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Monday, 13 March 1995

Evening

6.15-8.15 p.m. (In English only)	United Nations sanctions as a tool of peaceful settlement of disputes	Conference Room 6
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Moderator: Mr. Adriaan Bos

6.15-8.15 p.m. (In French only)	The United Nations and the fact-finding commissions	Conference Room 7
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Moderator: Mr. Djamchid Momtaz

Tuesday, 14 March 1995

Evening

6.15-8.15 p.m. (In English only)	The expanding horizons of international humanitarian law	Conference Room 5
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Moderator: Mr. Theodore Meron

6.15-8.15 p.m. (In English only)	Third-party dispute settlement at the turn of the century: some old problems revisited and some new problems not foreseen at The Hague in 1899/1907, or in the Statutes of the Permanent Court of International Justice and the International Court of Justice	Conference Room 6
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Moderator: Mr. Shabtai Rosenne

6.15-8.15 p.m. (In English only)	International law in the field of sustainable development: integrating development, environment and human rights	Conference Room 7
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Moderator: Mr. Philippe Sands

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Wednesday, 15 March 1995

Morning

8.30-9.45 a.m. (In English only)	The Charter of the United Nations and world politics: the role of the Security Council and the World Court in a changing world	Conference Room 5
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Moderator: Mr. Ove Bring

No round table is scheduled for the evening

Thursday, 16 March 1995

Morning

8.30-9.45 a.m. (In Spanish only)	Conceptual and practical aspects of the codification and progressive development of international law: new developments and priorities	Conference Room 6
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Moderator: Ms. María del Luján Flores

8.30-9.45 a.m. (In English only)	Space law: the role of the United Nations	Conference Room 5
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Moderator: Mr. Francis Lyall

Evening

6.15-8.15 p.m. (In English only)	Environmental law challenges to the Law of the Sea Convention: progressive development of progressive development	Conference Room 5
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Moderator: Mr. Arthur Ralph Carnegie

6.15-8.15 p.m. (In English only)	The physiognomy of disputes and the appropriate means to resolve them	Conference Room 6
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Moderator: Mr. Gerhard Hafner

6.15-8.15 p.m. (In English only)	Implications for international law of new challenges to State sovereignty	Conference Room 7
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Moderator: Mr. Oscar Schachter
