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Module III

UN Resolutions & NGO Diplomacy

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Landmark Resolutions

Module III

- Landmark Declarations & International Days, Years and Decades
- A Focus on the Millennium Declaration and the MDGs
- Resolutions, their “Secret Language” and How To Use the UN Document Library
- How To Lobby Intergovernmental Meetings I
- How To Lobby Intergovernmental Meetings II

Lesson 1 / Landmark Resolutions & International Days, Years & Decades

Landmark GA Documents

- 1945: The United Nations Charter
- 1948: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 1950: Uniting for Peace
- 1979: Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
- 2000: Millennium Declaration (& The MDGs)

Treaties

- UN Treaty Collection:
- <http://treaties.un.org>



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To the attention of the Permanent Representative

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are organizing a *Seminar on International Treaty Law and Practice* on 13 and 14 April 2010. The seminar, conducted in English, will provide an overview and practical hands-on experience on the undertaking of treaty actions for treaties deposited with the Secretary-General.

Please find attached:

1. A draft programme;
2. A detailed information note;
3. A nomination form.

If you wish to nominate a member of your Mission to attend the above-mentioned seminar, please return the nomination form by Friday, 9 April.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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The Security Council

Since the end of the Cold War the Security Council has developed an

entirely new system of legal authority for managing threats to peace and security ...

Michael J. Matheson
Council Unbound:

*The Growth of UN Decision Making on Conflict
and Postconflict Issues after the Cold War*

Developments in the Security Council

Prior to the UN Charter there were no limits of any kind on the use of force by nations.

- Since the Cold War, the SC has significantly activated and broadened its authority and jurisdiction through Article 39's mandate to “maintain or restore international peace and security.”
- No mandate to interfere with affairs internal to nations

Developments in the Security Council

BUT read into Chapter VII times appropriate if internal situations were determined by the SC to be “a threat to the peace” due to severe humanitarian crises, ethnic conflicts or large flows of refugees across borders, significant human rights violations and threats to democracy that also threatened to destabilize the region.

- Also generic worldwide threats such as terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction , non-state entities that are a threat to peace

Developments in the Security Council

“Third generation peacekeeping” (such as in Kosovo and East Timor) where UN-designated forces assume virtually all the function of the governing territories.

- Length of authorization?
- New technical commissions that largely have been effective in post-conflict environments and the re-building of war-torn territories in an effort to hasten their re-integration into the world community
- Tension between instruments and frameworks and the ability to prevent or even abate crisis

International Days, Years & Decades

Ways that the UN brings attention to, and enables Member States & NGOs to rally around issues, declarations and significant concerns.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/>

Today's Homework ...

Re-read again, in the light of today's challenges of terrorism, transnational crime, human trafficking and the like, UN Charter section on the Security Council and whether you think it is adequate to cope with today's threats, challenges and the changes going on.

What do you think the UN needs to augment its current systems that will enable it to fulfill its mandate to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war”?



Today's Homework ...

Have you read the UDHR? Do you know what it says?

What about the GA Resolution/377 Uniting For Peace?

The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women?

