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Overall orientation

6.1 The overall purpose of the programme is to promote a better understanding by Member States of and respect for the principles and norms of international law in order to support the accomplishment of the objectives of the United Nations.

6.2 The mandate for the programme derives from the principal decision-making organs of the Organization in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

6.3 Within the Secretariat, substantive responsibility for the programme is vested in the Office of Legal Affairs. It provides a unified central legal service for the Secretariat and the principal and other organs of the United Nations, supports the development of international justice, contributes to the progressive development and codification of international public and trade law, strengthening and developing the international legal order for the seas and oceans, registers and publishes treaties and performs the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.

6.4 The Office will provide services and legal advice, upon request, to the decision-making organs of the United Nations and its Member States. It will aim to strengthen respect within the United Nations system for the rule of law, in particular, observance of the Charter and the resolutions, decisions, regulations, rules and treaties emanating from the Organization. Achievement of gender equality will also be addressed in the advice provided by the Office and in its activities, as appropriate.

Subprogramme 1

Provision of legal services to the United Nations as a whole

Objective of the Organization: to assist the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations in enhancing respect for the rule of law and supporting the development of international justice

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Indicators of achievement

Provision of qualitative and timely legal advice, thus facilitating the functioning of the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations in accordance with international law, including the United Nations legal regime, and supporting international justice mechanisms, as mandated

(a) Satisfaction with the clarity and accuracy of the advice provided by the Office of Legal Affairs

(b) Legal instruments are finalized in respect of the activities of the United Nations

Strategy

6.5 The subprogramme is implemented by the Office of the Legal Counsel. The Office will assist the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations through the qualitative and timely provision of legal advice at their request, the preparation of reports and analyses, and its participation in meetings. This covers questions relating to international peace and security and includes advice on the interpretation of the Charter, resolutions, rules and regulations of the United Nations, treaties, and questions involving the use of force, sanctions, investigations, commissions of

inquiry, expert groups, privileges and immunities, relations with host countries and third-party liability. Legal advice will be provided on questions related to public international law, including legal disputes, human rights, humanitarian law and international criminal law, including formulation of statements of a legal nature for the Secretary-General. Legal advice will also be provided to treaty bodies institutionally linked to the United Nations, at their request. Advice will be provided on constitutional, credentials and membership issues, as well as on the interpretation and application of the rules of procedure of principal and subsidiary organs. The Office will also assist the Secretary-General in complying with his statutory responsibilities with regard to the International Court of Justice. As required, the Office will represent the Secretary-General at meetings and conferences. Through continued ongoing contacts with legal offices throughout the United Nations system, the Office will seek to ensure that legal advice within the system is provided in a coordinated manner. It will work closely with the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations to ensure that the advice is clear, accurate and effective, and will engage in necessary follow-up to support the implementation of any resulting policy decisions, if requested.

6.6 Legal advice and services will be provided for the Organization's peacekeeping operations through the preparation of agreements governing the status and the privileges, immunities, facilities and exemptions of those operations, including status-of-forces and status-of-mission agreements. Assistance and advice will also be provided in the preparation of instruments required for the proper and lawful functioning of those operations, including rules of engagement, standard operating procedures and directives. In the case of operations with legislative and executive mandates, assistance and advice will, in addition, be provided in the preparation of legislative instruments. Assistance for peacemaking efforts will include advice to support negotiations and the preparation of legal instruments.

6.7 A further objective of the subprogramme is to support the development of international justice and an end to impunity through help to existing international and internationally assisted tribunals. To that end, the Office will work to ensure that, as subsidiary organs of the Security Council, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda operate, in their administrative activities, in accordance with the Charter, regulations, rules and policies of the United Nations and, as judicial organs, act within their statutes. Within the framework of the subprogramme, the Office will provide advice to the principal and subsidiary organs of the Organization on legal aspects of the activities of the above-mentioned Tribunals and on matters arising in their relations with those Tribunals. It will also provide advice to the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda regarding their relationships with States and host countries. In addition, the Office will provide advice and ongoing support to the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Moreover, it will provide advice to the principal and subsidiary organs regarding the Relationship Agreement between the International Criminal Court and the United Nations. Furthermore, it will assist in the establishment of other tribunals, as mandated, and help to develop transitional justice mechanisms, if mandated.

6.8 The Office will continue to carry out secretariat and representational functions for organs and bodies falling within its competence, including the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly, the Committee on Relations with the Host

Country and, as appropriate, ad hoc working groups of the Security Council and the Sixth Committee.

Subprogramme 2

General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes

Objective of the Organization: to protect the legal interests of the Organization

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Maximization of the protection of the legal interests of the Organization	(a) The absence of instances in which, unless waived, the status and privileges and immunities of the Organization are not maintained
(b) Minimization of the legal liabilities of the Organization	(b) The total amount of the Organization's legal liability is minimized compared with the total amount of claims brought against the Organization

Strategy

6.9 The subprogramme is implemented by the General Legal Division. Legal services and support will be provided to assist all parts of the Organization, including offices located away from Headquarters, in the day-to-day administration of their mandates and programmes. These involve (a) participation in meetings of Secretariat bodies, such as the Committee on Contracts, the Staff Management Coordination Committee, the Property Survey Board and the Claims Board; and (b) the provision of advice on the interpretation of certain Articles of the Charter, General Assembly resolutions and decisions, the regulations, rules and mandates of programmes and activities in which United Nations organs and bodies are engaged and the interpretation of other administrative issuances of the Secretariat.

6.10 Legal services and support will also be provided (a) for the peacekeeping operations of the Organization in contracting for air, land and sea transportation, rations, logistical support, personnel and equipment; the resolution of related disputes; and claims against the Organization resulting from such operations; (b) for the Organization's expanded contracting requirements and the reform of procurement; (c) to funds and programmes for the establishment of programmes of cooperation for development, as well as for the development of new institutional modalities for operational activities and initiatives to counter epidemics and other hazards; (d) for assisting in the prosecution and punishment of staff members and others who engage in theft, corruption or other fraudulent activities against the Organization and for recovery of assets; and (e) for the development of new modalities for cooperating with outside entities in achieving the objectives of the Organization.

6.11 Furthermore, legal services will be provided for matters related to the regulations, rules and other administrative issuances of the Organization and

revisions to the personnel appraisal system. The General Legal Division will represent the Secretary-General before the Administrative Tribunal and represent the Organization before other judicial and arbitral bodies.

Subprogramme 3

Progressive development and codification of international law

Objective of the Organization: to facilitate the progressive development and codification of international law

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Progress in the formulation of legal instruments	(a) (i) The level of progress achieved on instruments under preparation (ii) The satisfaction of Member States with the quality of parliamentary documentation and background materials (iii) The satisfaction of the International Law Commission with the services provided (iv) The satisfaction of Member States with the services provided to the Sixth Committee
(b) Wider appreciation and understanding of international law	(b) (i) The satisfaction of participants with the quality of courses and seminars (ii) The satisfaction of end-users with the quality of publications issued and information disseminated electronically

Strategy

6.12 Substantive responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme is vested in the Codification Division. The types of activities to be undertaken will include research on topics of international law, compilation of background documents, preparation of draft reports of a substantive nature for the bodies concerned, legal advice and assistance in the conduct of proceedings and in the drafting of legal instruments, resolutions and decisions.

6.13 Substantive support will be provided to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly in its consideration of the status of relevant instruments, measures aimed at enhancing the accession of States to those instruments or, as the case may be, use by States of the procedures envisaged by the relevant resolutions of the Assembly. Substantive support will also be provided to special and ad hoc committees and working groups of the Sixth Committee, as well as to the International Law Commission.

6.14 The United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be implemented through (a) the preparation and issuance of legal publications, such as the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*, the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, the *United Nations Legislative Series* and the *Reports of International Arbitral Awards*, proceedings of codification conferences, *Summaries of Judgments*, *Advisory Opinions* and *Orders of the International Court of Justice*, as well as ad hoc publications on public international law; (b) the designing of curricula and the organization of courses and seminars on various subjects of international law; (c) the maintenance and continuous updating of the websites of the Sixth Committee and the International Law Commission, and of the codification of international law, in conformity with existing mandates; and (d) the administration of the Audiovisual Library of International Law via the Internet, including through the organization of lectures and the dissemination of teaching materials, and the presentation of historic archival material. Assistance in the form of fellowships, seminars and enhanced distribution of and access to United Nations legal publications will be provided, in particular, to developing countries.

Subprogramme 4

Law of the sea and ocean affairs

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen the rule of law for the oceans

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased capacity of Member States and intergovernmental organizations for the uniform and consistent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the implementing agreements	(a) (i) Increased number of States parties able to implement their obligations under the Convention and the implementing agreements (ii) Increased participation of States in the Convention and the implementing agreements
(b) Increased opportunities for States to derive benefits from the oceans and seas in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the implementing agreements	(b) (i) Increased number of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (ii) Increased number of activities aimed at improving the sustainable development of the oceans and seas, the equitable and efficient utilization of their resources, the conservation of their living resources and the study, protection and preservation of the marine environment (iii) Increased cooperation relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources and, in particular, biodiversity, in areas beyond national jurisdiction

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| <p>(c) Increased cooperation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of processes formed by the General Assembly, such as the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea</p> | <p>(c) (i) Increased number of substantive contributions made by intergovernmental organizations to the Secretary-General's annual reports to the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea, including special reports</p> <p>(ii) Active participation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea and other relevant processes</p> |
| <p>(d) Increased cooperation between intergovernmental organizations and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea in the coordination on oceans-related issues</p> | <p>(d) Increased activities carried out jointly between the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and other relevant organizations, including requests for assistance</p> |
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Strategy

6.15 The subprogramme is implemented by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

6.16 The Division will provide information, analysis and advice on the Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing Agreements, their status and State practice relating thereto. Assistance will be provided to States and international organizations (including regional organizations) in the development of legal instruments in the field of the law of the sea and ocean affairs, in harmony with the provisions of the Convention and its implementing Agreements.

6.17 Member States will be assisted in identifying emerging issues of ocean affairs to be addressed within the framework of the Convention. This assistance will entail analysing areas requiring action, organizing groups of experts for the purpose of formulating appropriate responses to emerging needs and servicing multilateral consultations and negotiations, so as to contribute to the progressive development and codification of international law.

6.18 Developing States, through the workshops and training material developed by the Division's capacity-building team in collaboration with internal and external partners, will continue to be assisted in developing and strengthening their capabilities, in particular the human and technical resources, required for the effective exercise of their rights and the fulfilment of their obligations.

6.19 The Division will continue providing services to the meetings of States parties to the Convention and to the Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement) and substantial, administrative and technical support to the Review Conference for the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be convened at a date not later than 2011.

6.20 The Division will also provide services and assistance for the effective functioning of the institutions established under the Convention. In particular, it will provide both administrative and technical support to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in its consideration of the increasing number of submissions by States for delineation of the outer limits of their continental shelves. In this connection, the Division will also provide advice on the preparation of the submission and on the procedural aspects of its examination to prospective submitting States, in addition to the training courses on the implementation of article 76 of the Convention, addressed to developing States which have indicated a potential for an extended continental shelf.

6.21 The Division will provide any necessary assistance to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the International Seabed Authority. Moreover, upon request, it will assist States in the settlement of disputes through other mechanisms contained in the Convention.

6.22 The Division will facilitate the annual consideration, review and evaluation of continuing developments related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs by the General Assembly through the provision of information, analysis and reports as well as the servicing of the informal consultations to elaborate the Assembly resolutions on oceans and the law of the sea and on sustainable fisheries.

6.23 The Division will continue providing substantive services to the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, established by the General Assembly to facilitate its annual review of developments related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs by suggesting particular issues to be considered by it, with an emphasis on identifying areas where coordination and cooperation at the intergovernmental and inter-agency levels should be enhanced, as well as other relevant processes as may be established by the Assembly.

6.24 The Division will continue to participate actively in relevant meetings of United Nations and non-United Nations bodies dealing with oceans-related issues and the mechanisms of cooperation and coordination relating to oceans, in particular UN-Oceans and its subsidiary bodies.

Subprogramme 5

Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade

Objective of the Organization: to facilitate and encourage the progressive improvement, harmonization, understanding, knowledge and application of international trade law and coordination of the work of international organizations active in that field

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Contributions to the modernization of trade law and practices and reduction of legal uncertainties and obstacles posed by inadequate and disparate laws	(a) (i) Increased number of legislative decisions (ratifications and national enactments) based on United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) texts (ii) Increased number of judicial decisions based on UNCITRAL texts

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| (b) Contributions to increased understanding of international trade law issues and reliance on UNCITRAL standards | (b) (i) Increased number of publications or databases referring to the work and mentioning UNCITRAL texts

(ii) Increased number of page views on the UNCITRAL website |
| (c) Improved coordination and cooperation among international organizations active in the field of international trade law | (c) Increased number of joint activities that incorporate references to UNCITRAL trade law standards |
| (d) Facilitation of the work of UNCITRAL | (d) Satisfaction of UNCITRAL with the services provided |
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Strategy

6.25 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the International Trade Law Division.

6.26 The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, codification conferences and related intergovernmental working groups will be provided with substantive support. The services provided will include research on international trade law and preparation of studies and policy papers, legal advice and assistance in the conduct of intergovernmental negotiations and in the drafting of decisions, amendments and proposals.

6.27 The International Trade Law Division will assist the Commission in drafting for Governments modern and universally acceptable legislative and non-legislative texts (treaties, model laws, legislative guides and recommendations) in areas where the Commission determines that the modernization or harmonization of commercial law is desirable and feasible.

6.28 In view of the growing need for commercial law reform in the various areas in which the Commission has prepared harmonized standards and the related increased demand for legislative technical assistance, in particular in developing countries and countries in transition, the Division will pay considerable attention to developing and carrying out programmes for the more active promotion of UNCITRAL texts, as well as legislative technical assistance and training. Such assistance will be based on requests from regional organizations and individual countries, and will be provided in the form of briefings to officials, training and direct assistance in the drafting of instruments enacting uniform law texts, supported by commentaries, guides to enactment and information notes prepared by the Division. Professional associations and academic institutions, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, will be assisted in promoting modern business practices and the teaching of international trade law.

6.29 Cooperation will be undertaken with regional organizations to foster regional harmonization on the basis of universal texts of the Commission. The Division will provide models for use by intergovernmental organizations when they prepare legislative texts or assist their member States in modernizing trade legislation. Furthermore, the Division will draft models for use by international and national organizations when they prepare standard texts for use by their members. Attention

will generally be given to issues arising from the increasing importance of electronic commerce in international trade.

6.30 Bearing in mind the fact that an increasing number of regional economic integration organizations and those for particular industrial sectors are formulating rules and standards for international trade, the Division will be required to monitor and analyse their work so as to assist the Commission, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law, to carry out its mandate to coordinate legal activities in the area of international trade, in particular to avoid duplication of efforts and to promote efficiency, consistency and coherence in the modernization and harmonization of international trade law.

6.31 Users of texts originating from the work of the Commission will be provided with information on the judicial and arbitral application and interpretation of those texts. Such information will be made available in all the official languages of the United Nations in the form of abstracts of court decisions and arbitral awards. In addition, the Division will facilitate the use of uniform law by preparing and continuously updating a digest of case law interpreting the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods and the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, as well as disseminating information on the implementation of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.

Subprogramme 6

Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Objective of the Organization: to facilitate wider awareness of international treaties concluded under the auspices of the United Nations, treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat under Article 102 of the Charter, and actions relating to those treaties

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved access to international treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and related treaty actions, including information on their status, and to treaties and related actions submitted for registration and publication with the Secretariat	(a) (i) The timely provision of substantive and procedural depositary-related advice and guidance on treaties to be deposited with the Secretary-General (ii) The timely processing of treaty actions and formalities relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General (iii) The timely processing of treaties and actions submitted for registration and publication (iv) Increased number of page views on the Treaty Section's website
(b) Promotion of broader State participation in the multilateral treaty framework	(b) (i) Increased number of treaty actions (e.g., ratifications and accessions) received for deposit with the Secretary-General

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| | | (ii) Increased participation by Member States in the international treaty framework |
| (c) Enhanced familiarity with and understanding by Member States of the technical and legal aspects of participating in the multilateral treaty framework and registering treaties with the Secretariat | (c) | (i) Increased number of treaty actions submitted for deposit in the proper format

(ii) Increased number of treaties and actions submitted for registration and publication in the proper form, pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter |
| (d) Increased respect for the international treaty framework | (d) | (i) Increased requests for depositary and registration-related information and advice from States, other United Nations offices, specialized agencies and treaty bodies

(ii) Increased number of participants in training seminars or ad hoc training sessions provided by the Treaty Section at Headquarters and in the regions |
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Strategy

6.32 Substantive responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme is vested in the Treaty Section.

6.33 The Section will undertake the depositary functions of the Secretary-General for over 530 multilateral treaties and the registration and publication functions relating to over 60,000 treaties and over 110,000 related actions pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter; provide timely and accurate information relating to the treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and to treaties and related actions registered with the Secretariat; provide assistance and advice to Member States, specialized agencies, United Nations offices, treaty bodies and other entities on various aspects of treaty law, including final clauses of treaties, the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter; and prepare and revise related publications.

6.34 The Treaty Section will continue to refine its computerization programme to respond most effectively to the needs of Member States, in particular with respect to (a) the comprehensive electronic database containing up-to-date depositary and registration information; (b) electronic dissemination of treaty and treaty law-related information from the database, including through online access; and (c) enhancement of the electronic database/workflow system, and will continue to update and enhance the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet.

6.35 The Section will continue to promote wider participation in the multilateral treaty framework through regular treaty events and provide assistance to States with the technical and legal aspects of participation in treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter, including through capacity-building training seminars held at Headquarters in New York and in the regions.

Legislative mandates

Subprogramme 1

Provision of legal services to the United Nations as a whole

General Assembly resolutions

- 13 (I) Organization of the Secretariat
- 2819 (XXVI) Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel, and establishment of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Subprogramme 2

General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes

General Assembly resolutions

- 351 A (IV) Establishment of a United Nations Administrative Tribunal
- 782 B (VIII) Personnel policy of the United Nations: amendment to the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal
- 957 (X) Procedure for review of United Nations Administrative Tribunal judgements: amendments to the statute of the Administrative Tribunal
- 50/54 Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal
- 52/166 Amendment to article 13 of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal
- 55/159 Review of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Subprogramme 3

Progressive development and codification of international law

General Assembly resolutions and decisions

- 174 (II) Establishment of an International Law Commission
- 487 (V) Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available
- 987 (X) Publication of the documents of the International Law Commission
- 3006
(XXVII) *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*
- 61/30 Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts
- 62/61 Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts

- 62/62 United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
- 62/63 Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission
- 62/66 Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-ninth session
- 62/67 Diplomatic protection
- 62/68 Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm
- 62/69 Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions]
- 62/70 The rule of law at the national and international levels
- 62/71 Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Subprogramme 4

Law of the sea and ocean affairs

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Articles 16 (2), 47 (9), 75 (2), 76 (9), 84 (2), 287 (8), 298 (6), 312, 313 (1), 319 (1) and 319 (2); articles 2 (2), 2 (5) and 6 (3) of annex II; articles 2 and 3 (e) of annex V; article 4 (4) of annex VI; article 2 (1) of annex VII; and article 3 (e) of annex VIII

General Assembly resolutions

- 49/28 Law of the Sea
- 52/26 Oceans and the law of the sea
- 54/33 Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "Oceans and seas": international coordination and cooperation
- 56/13 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks [establishment of informal consultations of parties to the Fish Stocks Agreement]
- 57/141 Oceans and the law of the sea

- 58/14 Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
- 58/240 Oceans and the law of the sea
- 59/24 Oceans and the law of the sea
- 59/25 Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
- 60/30 Oceans and the law of the sea
- 60/31 Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
- 61/105 Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
- 61/222 Oceans and the law of the sea
- 62/177 Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments
- 62/215 Oceans and the law of the sea

Subprogramme 5

Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade

General Assembly resolutions

- 2205 (XXI) Establishment of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
- 62/64 Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fortieth session

Subprogramme 6

Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations

General Assembly resolutions

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| 23 (I) | Registration of treaties and international agreements |
| 24 (I) | Transfer of certain functions, activities and assets of the League of Nations |
| 97 (I) | Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements: Regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations |
| 364 (IV) | Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements |
| 482 (V) | Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements |
| 33/141 | Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations |
| 51/158 | Electronic treaty database |
| 54/28 | United Nations Decade of International Law |
| 55/2 | United Nations Millennium Declaration |
| 56/77 | United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law |