

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

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TOPICS UNDER CONSIDERATION



CURRENT PROGRAMME OF WORK

Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction

Succession of States in respect of State responsibility

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Due diligence in international law

Compensation for the damage caused by internationally wrongful acts

IMMUNITY OF STATE OFFICIALS FROM FOREIGN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

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- The Commission began considering the topic in 2008.
- It considered three reports by the first Special Rapporteur, Mr. Roman Kolodkin, as well as a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat; eight reports by the second Special Rapporteur, Ms. Concepción Escobar Hernández, who was appointed in 2012; and two reports by the third Special Rapporteur, Mr. Claudio Grossman, who was appointed in 2023.
- In 2025, the Commission adopted Articles 1, 3, 4, and 5. However, owing to the short session, the adoption of draft articles 7, 8, and 9 was postponed to the next session.

SUCCESSION OF STATES IN RESPECT OF STATE RESPONSIBILITY

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- In 2017, the topic was added to the programme of work and Mr. Pavel Šturma was appointed as Special Rapporteur.
- The Commission considered five reports by Mr. Šturma from 2017 to 2022; however, in 2023, the Commission received no report because the Special Rapporteur was no longer with the Commission.
- In 2023 and 2024, the Commission decided to establish a Working Group on the topic and appointed Mr. August Reinisch as Chair.
- In 2025, the Commission again established a Working Group and appointed Mr. Bimal N. Patel as Chair. However, owing to the short session, the Working Group was only able to hold one meeting.
- The Commission is expected to end its consideration of the topic at the upcoming session.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW

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- In 2018, the topic was added to the programme of work and Mr. Marcelo Vázquez Bermúdez was appointed as Special Rapporteur.
- In 2019, the Commission received the first report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2021, the Commission received the second report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2022, the Commission received the third report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2023, the Commission received the report of the Drafting Committee, and transmitted the draft conclusions to Governments for comments and observations (with a deadline of 1 December 2024).
- In 2025, the Commission received the fourth report of the Special Rapporteur. However, owing to the short session, the adoption of draft conclusions on second reading was postponed to the next session.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES TO WHICH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE PARTIES

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- In 2016, the Commission added the topic to its long-term programme of work.
- A [syllabus](#) describing the possible overall structure of, and approach to, the topic was annexed to that year's report of the Commission.
- In 2022, the Commission added the topic to its programme of work and appointed August Reinisch as Special Rapporteur.
- In 2023, the Commission received the first report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2024, the Commission received the second report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2025, the Commission received the third report of the Special Rapporteur; however, because of the short session, the Commission was unable to consider it in plenary.

PREVENTION AND REPRESSION OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA

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- In 2019, the topic was added to the long-term programme of work.
- A [syllabus](#) describing the possible overall structure of, and approach to, the topic was annexed to that year's report of the Commission.
- In 2022, the topic was added to the programme of work and Yacouba Cissé was appointed as Special Rapporteur.
- In 2023, the Commission received the first report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2024, the Commission received the second report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2025, the Commission received a note by the Special Rapporteur in which he identified points of law which may constitute the major themes of the work, outlined general areas of inquiry based on the main features of the topic, and provided methodological guidance. However, because of the short session, the Commission was unable to consider it in plenary.

SUBSIDIARY MEANS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

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- In 2021, the topic was added to the long-term programme of work.
- A [syllabus](#) describing the possible overall structure of, and approach to, the topic was annexed to that year's report of the Commission.
- In 2022, the Commission decided to include the topic in its programme of work and appointed Charles Chernor Jalloh as Special Rapporteur.
- In 2023, the Commission received the first report of the Special Rapporteur, and a memorandum by the Secretariat.
- In 2024, the Commission received the second report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2025, the Commission received the third report of the Special Rapporteur; however, because of the short session, the Commission was unable to consider it in plenary.

NON-LEGALLY BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

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- In 2022, the topic was added to the long-term programme of work.
- A [syllabus](#) for the topic was annexed to that year's report of the Commission.
- In 2023, the Commission decided to include the topic in its programme of work and to appoint Mr. Mathias Forteau as Special Rapporteur.
- In 2024, the Commission received the first report of the Special Rapporteur.
- In 2025, the Commission received the second report; however, because of the short session, the Commission was unable to consider it in plenary.

DUE DILIGENCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

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- In 2024, the topic was added to the long-term programme of work.
- A [syllabus](#) for the topic was annexed to that year's report of the Commission.
- In 2025, the Commission decided to include the topic in its programme of work and to appoint Ms. Penelope Ridings as Special Rapporteur.

COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY INTERNATIONALLY WRONGFUL ACTS

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- In 2024, the topic was added to the long-term programme of work.
- A [syllabus](#) for the topic was annexed to that year's report of the Commission.
- In 2025, the Commission decided to include the topic in its programme of work and to appoint Mr. Mārtiņš Paparinskis as Special Rapporteur.