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OLA/UNITAR Seminar on International Treaty Law and Practice

With a Special Session on the Newly adopted Minamata Convention on

Mercury

United Nations Headquarters, New York

Conference Room C (CB)

8-9 April 2014

AGENDA

Tuesday 8 April 2014

10:00 am Registration

10:20 am **Opening Remarks**

Ms. Yvonne Lodico, Head, UNITAR New York Office

10:30am **Introductory Remarks from the Assistant-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs**

Mr. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

10:40 am **Introduction to the Law of Treaties and the Work of the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs**

Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief, OLA Treaty Section

► *Introduction to the basic concepts in treaty law and the evolution of the treaty law system*

11:40 am Coffee Break

12:00 pm **Reservations and Declarations**

Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief, OLA Treaty Section

► *Distinguish between reservations and declarations and articulate the functions and limits of reservations.*

1:00 pm Lunch Break

3:00 pm **Participation in Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the UN Secretary-General**

Ms. Dina Hamdy, Legal Officer, OLA Treaty Section



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4:00 pm **Overview of online resources – UN Treaty Collection website at <http://treaties.un.org>**
Ms. Fanny Schaus, Associate Legal Officer, OLA Treaty Section
Mr. Andrei Kolomoets, Information Management Officer, OLA Treaty Section

- Be able to locate and navigate treaty-related information online.

5:00 pm **End of Day 1**

Wednesday 9 April 2014

10:00 am **Final Clauses of Multilateral Treaties**
Ms. Arancha Hinojal-Oyarbide, Legal Officer, Treaty Section

- Explain final clauses and their legal effects.

11:15 am Coffee Break

11:30 am **Special Session on the Minamata Convention on Mercury**
Professor Edward Lloyd, Clinical Professor for environmental Law, Columbia University

- **Minamata Convention on Mercury – Lobbying the treaty**
Mr. Masaharu Nagai, Senior Legal Officer, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, United Nations Environment Programme
- **Minamata Convention on Mercury**
Mr. Michael T. Bender, Mercury Policy Project (Director)/Zero Mercury Working Group (Co-coordinator)

1:00 pm **Lunch Break**

3:00 pm **Registration of Treaties under Article 102 of the UN Charter and Practice Exercise on Registration**

Mr. Carlos Ivan Fuentes, Associate Legal Officer, OLA Treaty Section

- Explain the mandate of Article 102 of the UN Charter and enumerate the registration procedures for Member States.

4:00 pm **Evaluation & Presentation of Certificates**
Ms. Yvonne Lodico, Head, UNITAR New York Office

04:30 pm **End of Day 2**



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