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Dear Lawrence

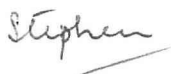
Judicial Decisions on International Conventions

Herewith my report for the upcoming Assembly Meeting on 8 November in London. I would be grateful if you could forward this to the President.

1. The Centre for Maritime Law (CML) and Comité Maritime International (CMI) signed an Agreement to create the database, **Judicial Decisions on International Conventions**, on 2 January 2017. The database went live soon afterwards and is located on servers within the Faculty of Law at NUS. The relevant website links are via the Centre for Maritime Law website at <https://law.nus.edu.sg/cmlcmidatabase/> and via the link in the re-launched CMI website at <http://comitemaritime.org/publications-documents/database-judgments/>.
2. We have been notified of rapporteurs from 24 NMLAs (see attached list, also reported at <http://comitemaritime.org/publications-documents/database-judgments/>). There are some notable omissions from this list.
3. We have received case submissions as follows: Canada (2); Malta (2); Netherlands (50).
4. All CML's full-time and adjunct research staff are currently engaged in digesting cases from common law jurisdictions. The editor is Associate Professor Paul Myburgh, Deputy Director, working with Ms Luci Carey, Research Associate, house editor.
5. As at the date of this letter, over 185 decisions have been digested and uploaded onto the database. By the date of the Assembly Meeting, this will exceed 200 cases.
6. The database currently averages approximately 313 unique users per month, i.e. 10 or 11 new users per day. Since we started collecting statistics earlier this year, the website has had over 3,000 hits from 103 different countries, with the top 10 countries accessing the website being Australia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the USA.

As previously intimated, cl.1.3 of the Agreement provides that CML's role is to "edit, upload, and maintain the database". It is not part of this role to undertake the task of digesting cases from any jurisdiction, including any common law jurisdiction, but we have had to do so because we have, so far, received very few contributions from common law jurisdictions. We also still await contributions from other major civil law jurisdictions. We would therefore (i) urge CMI to promote the database among NMLAs (ii) and encourage greater buy-in from those NMLAs who have nominated rapporteurs.

Yours sincerely



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