

Venue of the Seminar

Salone del Cambiaso – Palazzo della Meridiana
Salita di S. Francesco, 4 Genova

Registration

Participants are invited to register their attendance
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The New U.N. Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships



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The New U.N. Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships

Based upon an initiative of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) dating back to 2008, the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships is the result of the work of Working Group VI of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in the period 2019-2022.

The Convention was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 7 December 2022 which also authorized a signing ceremony to be held as soon as practicable in 2023 in Beijing and recommended the Convention be known as the “Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships”.

The main objective of the Convention is to ensure that purchasers of ships sold by judicial sale in a contracting State are legally protected, whilst safeguarding the interests of shipowners and creditors. To this effect, it sets out rules providing that the clean title acquired by the purchaser in the ship will be given proper and full effect in any contracting State and a certificate of judicial sale shall be issued subject to certain safeguards including notification to the shipowner, creditors and other interested parties.

Shipowners, lienholders, ship financiers and other maritime operators are likely to look at this new instrument as a means to enhance predictability and stability of their dealings. Given the relatively low number of ratifications required for its entry into force (three), it is likely that the Convention will become operational quite soon, thus the immediate interest for maritime law practitioners to become acquainted with its content.

14:30 Registration

15:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

GIORGIO BERLINGIERI President, Italian Maritime Law Association

LUIGI COCCHI President, Genoa Bar Association

15:30 Key Note Speech

ANN FENECH

President, Comité Maritime International

16:00 Panel Discussion on the Convention

CHAIR, STEFANO ZUNARELLI

Vice President, Italian Maritime Law Association

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Delegate for Italy at UNCITRAL Working Group VI - Judicial Sale of Ships

ANGELE SEARS-DEBONO

Delegate for European Commission at UNCITRAL Working Group VI - Judicial Sale of Ships

JAN-ERIK PÖTSCHKE

Delegate for Germany at UNCITRAL Working Group VI - Judicial Sale of Ships

18:00 Questions and Answers

18:30 Conclusive Remarks

JOSÉ ANGELO ESTRELLA FARIA

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19:00 Cocktail