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On 6 March 2018, Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, and Timor-Leste's Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister for the Delimitation of Borders and the Agent in the Conciliation, His Excellency Mr Hermenegildo Pereira, signed the Treaty Between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste establishing their maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea. The treaty was the result of the first ever compulsory conciliation under Annex V of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. It represented a landmark in dispute resolution under UNCLOS and marks a new chapter in the relationship between the two countries.

Speakers

- **H.E. Abel Guterres »**

H.E. Abel Guterres is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Timor-Leste to Australia, New Zealand and the Republic of Fiji. He is currently the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Canberra. Mr Guterres was part of the negotiating team for the maritime boundary treaty.

- **Amelia Telec »**

Amelia Telec is a Senior Lawyer at the Australian Government Solicitor. Amelia previously held the role of Principal Legal Officer in the Office of International Law at the Attorney-General's Department where she advised on an extensive range of international law matters, most recently leading the Office's Dispute Settlement practice group. In that role, she was responsible for managing legal proceedings between Australia and Timor-Leste before the International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration, was a member of Australia's delegation before the UNCLOS Conciliation Commission, and was one of Australia's principal negotiators of the maritime boundary treaty.

- **Justin Whyatt »**

Justin Whyatt is the Assistant Secretary, Transnational and Sea Law Branch, at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Justin led the DFAT team responsible for engagement in the conciliation and was one of the principal negotiators of the maritime boundary treaty. He has previously served as Director of the Sea Law, Environment Law and Antarctica Section, Counsellor (Political) at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC, Director of the Middle East Section, and Second Secretary at the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh.

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Date & time

5.30–6.30pm Monday 14 May 2018



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