

31ST LEGAL ADVISERS MEETING

**Scene Setter and Draft Programme
Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 10:00am**

For the past three decades, the Legal Advisers of Canada, India, Mexico, Poland, and Sweden have organized an annual Meeting of Legal Advisers on the margins of W K H 6 L [W K & R P P L W W H H International Law Week4.34 Tm 0 g 0 G [(ha)3(v)11(e or)-4(g)-8(an)3(i)5(z)11(ed)3()] T J E T 0zzed

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In its 2018 Report, the Working Group included a thematic discussion of consular assistance and diplomatic protection for persons deprived of their liberty, focusing on foreign nationals detained for reasons including national security charges. The Report concluded that foreign

national detainees are particularly vulnerable to violations of the right to fair trial and other legal protections, and noted linkages between arbitrary detention and torture.¹

Nexus with Consular Law

The consular function, codified in the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, provides rights to consular officials of a State to provide services to its detained nationals and make representations on their behalf, for example in instances of alleged mistreatment or torture while in detention. As such, consular officers and legal advisers may be involved in cases of arbitrary detention involving their nationals in a foreign state,