



INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

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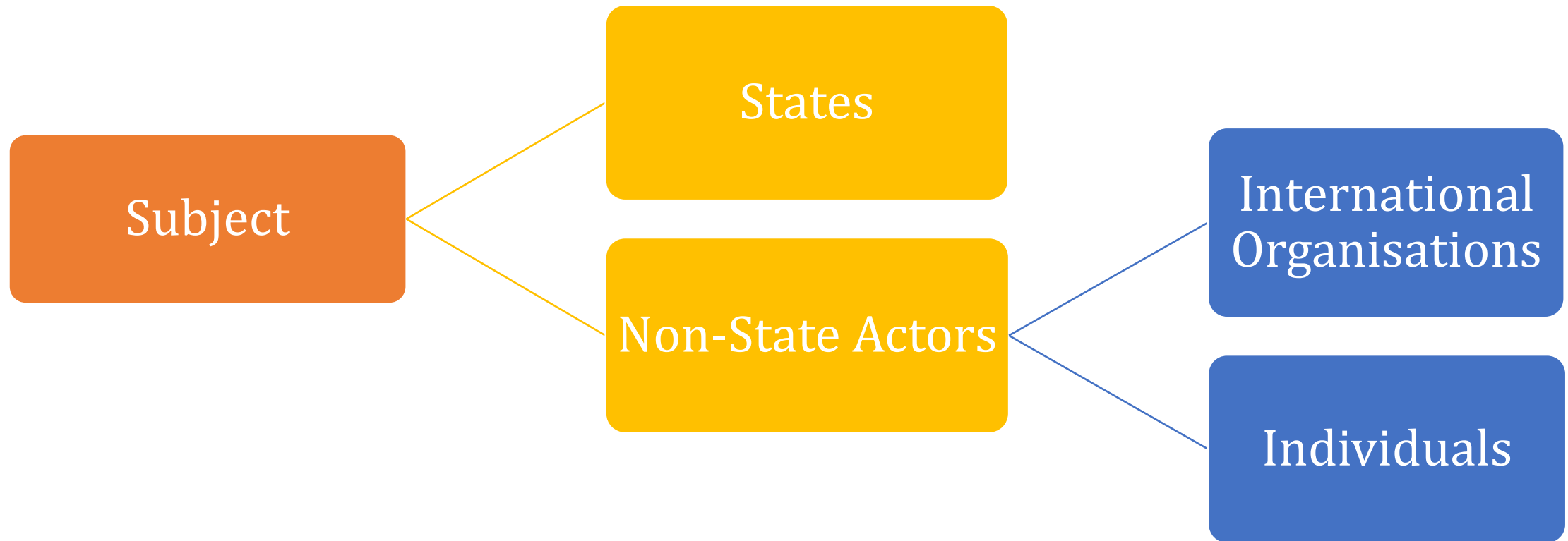
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What is Public International Law?

- “Law of nations”
- State to State relationship
- Governing the Rules and Conduct of States





Importance of Public International Law

- Maintain peace, harmony and mutual cooperation
- Certain issues cannot be resolved by a single State





Sources of International Law

Statute of the ICJ, article 38 (1):

- a) international conventions, whether general or particular, establishing rules expressly recognized by the contesting states;
- b) international custom, as evidence of a general practice accepted as law;
- c) the general principles of law recognized by civilized nations;
- d) [...] judicial decisions and the teachings of the most highly qualified publicists of the various nations, as subsidiary means for the determination of rules of law.



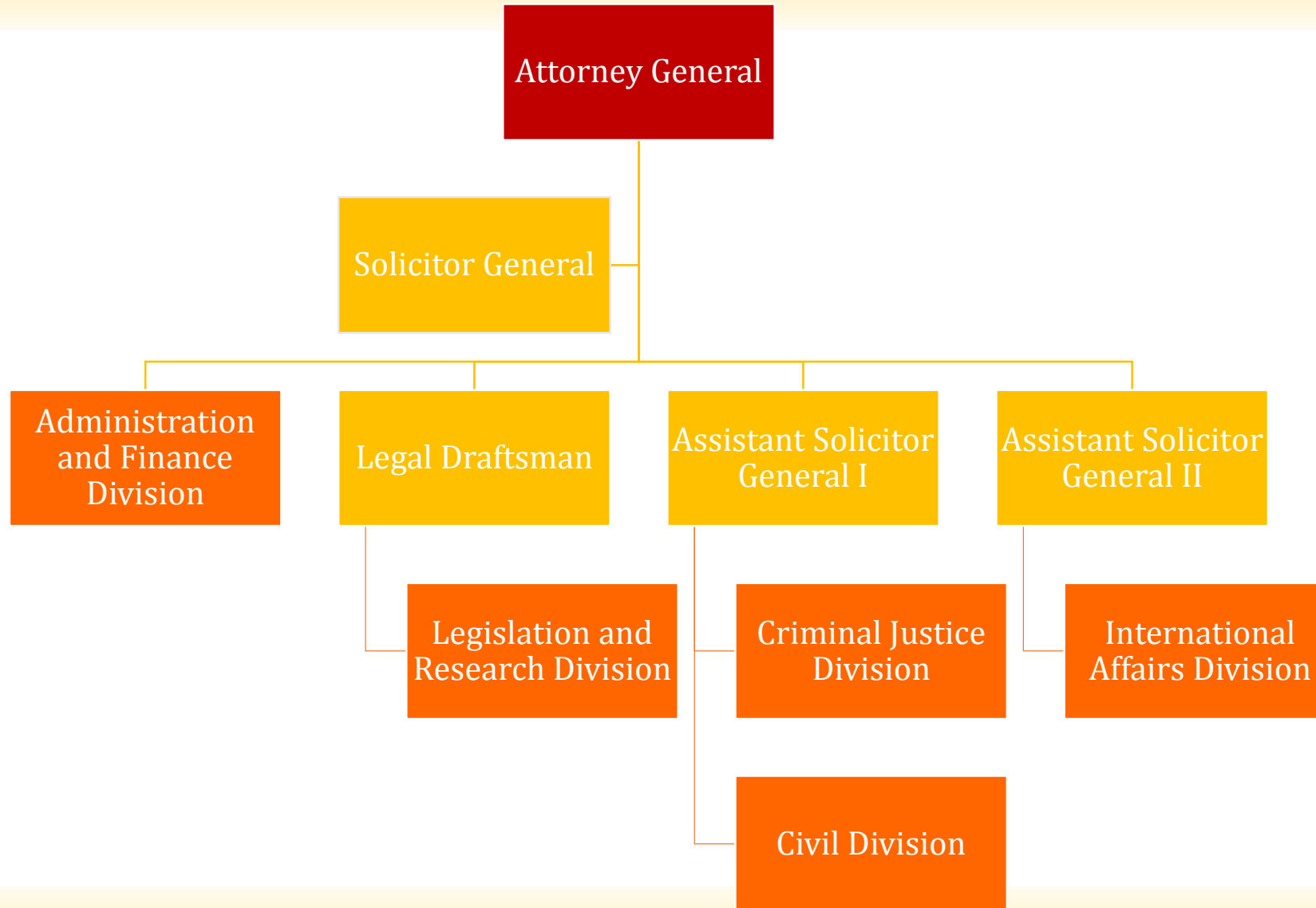
Sources of International Law

- International Treaties
- Customary International Law
- General Principles of International Law
- Judicial Decisions



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International Affairs Division

Vision

“To be regarded as a reliable international law expert representing and safeguarding Brunei Darussalam globally”

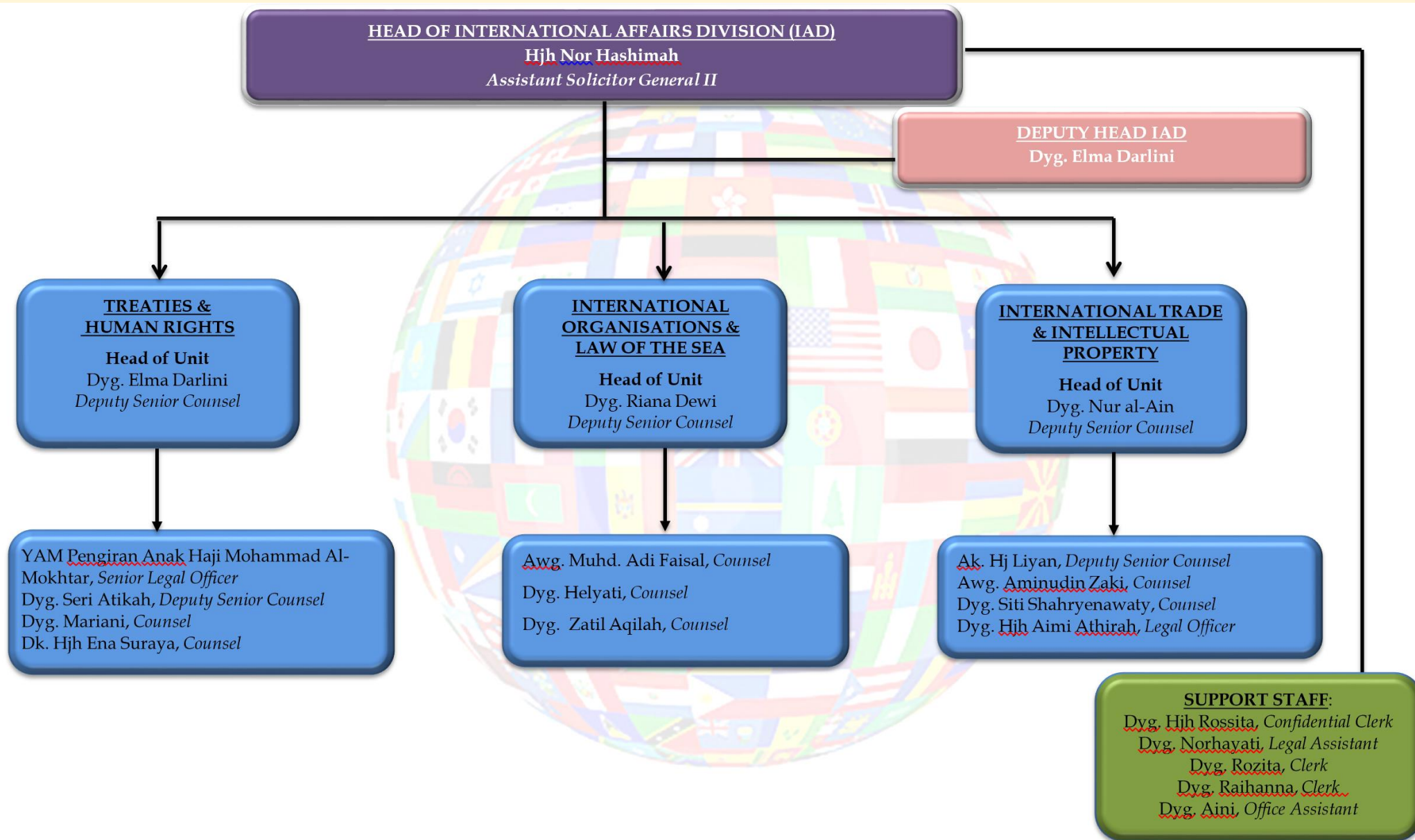
Mission

“To deliver the highest quality legal service through the effective interpretation and application of international law”



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Scope of Work





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Responsible for all legal issues

between states (G to G) and

between states and international organisations

based on principles of public international law.



Terms of Reference

- Negotiating, drafting, vetting, legally scrubbing and interpreting various international instruments
- Attending international meetings as BD representative
- Preparing legal opinions based on public international law



Terms of Reference

- Preparing opinions and recommendations upon joining a treaty or an I.O
- Members of national committees relating to BD's international obligations
- Preparing country reports, advising, monitoring and implementing BD's international obligations



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