

# JUS5520 Home Exam Autumn 2021

Please answer **both** tasks:

1. Please discuss the need for a new “post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework” and explain under which international environmental agreement this framework is currently being negotiated, the legal reasons for it and what expectations exist for its outcome.

2. On 25 September 2021, the news agency Reuters reported the following:

«Sept 25, 2021 (Reuters) - Vanuatu is asking the International Court of Justice to issue an opinion on the rights of present and future generations to be protected from the adverse impacts of climate change.

Vanuatu, with a population of some 280,000 people spread across roughly 80 islands, is among more than a dozen Pacific island nations facing rising sea levels and more regular storms that can wipe out much of their economies.

"In response to the catastrophic levels of climate change loss and damage faced by this small Pacific nation, Vanuatu recognises that current levels of action and support for vulnerable developing countries within multilateral mechanisms are insufficient," the government said in a statement on Saturday.

Vanuatu said it will route the initiative through the United Nations General Assembly.»

Please discuss critically the possible legal benefits and disadvantages of this initiative.