

Mohamed Khider University of Biskra

Faculty of Law and Political Science

Department of Law



Legal Terminology Module

مقياس مصطلحات قانونية

Prepared and lectured by:

Pr. Ali Madouni

Legal Terminology

مصطلحات قانونية

Second semester

السداسي الثاني

The second course

الدرس الثاني

Academic year: 2023/2024

Legal Terminology Module

Lesson 2

National Sovereignty (السيادة الوطنية)

Understanding the concept:

National sovereignty refers to a nation's ultimate authority and power. It means that the people are the source of all power and have the exclusive right to make decisions and determine the course of their country.

The term *sovereignty* is derived from the Latin word “*superanus*“, which means supreme or paramount. Sovereignty is the most important element of the state.

Constituent Power (السلطة التأسيسية)

Understanding the concept: Constituent power is vested in the people to create and establish their country's fundamental laws and institutions. It is the power to shape and define the constitution and the basic structure of the state.

Components of the state:

The State consists of four elements: Sovereignty, population, territory, and government, and sovereignty.

Sovereignty: السيادة

Population: السكان

Territory: الإقليم

Government: الحكومة

Characteristics of Sovereignty

Originality: الأصالة

Permanence: الديمومة

Absoluteness: السيادة المطلقة

Comprehensiveness: الشمولية

Indivisibility : غير قابلة للتقسيم

Activity : QCM (Multiple Choice Questions):

Question 2: Which one of the following characteristics of sovereignty has been wrongly listed?

- A) Absoluteness
- B) Divisibility
- C) Permanence
- D) Exclusiveness

Answer: B) Divisibility

Question 2: Sovereignty means the..... control over its territory, waters, and spaces

- A) Partial
- B) Total
- C) Dependent
- D) Common

Answer: B) Total

Question 3: The term sovereignty has been derived originally from language:

- A) English
- B) Greek
- C) Latin
- D) Roman

Answer: C) Latin

Question 4: Who exercises national sovereignty in Algeria?

- A) The President of the Republic
- B) The elected representatives
- C) The people
- D) The military

Answer: C) The people

Question 5: Sovereignty is an essential element of:

- A) Associations
- B) State

C) Society

D) Dictatorship

Answer: B) State