



## *CURRICULUM VITAE*

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Born in Schaerbeek (Belgium) on 29 November 1951. Nationality: Belgian.

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#### **EDUCATION**

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Secondary education at the Collège Jean XXIII (Brussels): specialized in humanities (classics) (gold medal for secondary education, 1969). University entrance examination in Dutch language and culture (prize from the Netherlands Embassy in Belgium, 1969).

Higher education at the Facultés Notre Dame de la Paix (S.J.) in Namur (*candidatures* in law (1969-1971): first-class honours) and at the Université catholique de Louvain (*licence* in law (1971-1974): honours (dissertation: Indication of provisional measures by the International Court of Justice); *baccalauréat* in Thomist philosophy (1972-1974): first-class honours).

Post-graduate studies in international and European law at the Universities of London (King's College: 1974-1975) and Madrid (Complutense University: 1975-1976 (scholarship from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)). Course in European law at the Université catholique de Louvain (1978).

Various further courses in international and European law.

#### **ACADEMIC AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

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— Assistant Professor at the European Studies Centre and the Law Faculty of the Université catholique de Louvain (1976-1982).

— Visiting Professor in the law of international organizations at the Law Faculty of the University of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) (1980-1982).

— Professor in the law of nations and comparative constitutional law at HEC Saint Louis (Brussels) (1986-1996).

— Guest senior lecturer at the Law Faculty of the Université catholique de Louvain (co-lecturer in courses on the advanced law of nations and current issues in public international law) (1997-2017).

— Author of various publications, including:

- *La problématique de l'adhésion de l'Espagne aux Communautés européennes*, with E. Cerehe, Centre d'Etudes Européennes of the Université catholique de Louvain, June 1978, 119 pages.
- "L'adhésion de l'Espagne aux Communautés européennes : l'ordre juridique communautaire", in *L'Espagne et les Communautés européennes — Problèmes posés par l'adhésion*, Brussels, Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 1979, pp. 135-175.

- “Introducción al estudio de los fundamentos jurídicos del compromiso convencional externo de la Comunidad económica europea”, *Integracion latinoamericana*, No. 56, April 1981, pp. 22-37.
- “Quelques aspects des rapports entre droit international et droit communautaire”, with N. Elkin, in *The Law of the European communities and Greece*, Thesaurus Acroasium, Vol. VIII, Institute of International Public Law and International Relations of Thessaloniki, 1981, pp. 573-579.
- “L’épuisement des voies de recours internes et la Cour européenne des droits de l’homme : l’arrêt Van Oosterwijck du 6 novembre 1980”, *Revue belge de droit international*, Vol. XVI, 1981, pp. 130-171.
- “Les Etats fédéraux dans les relations internationales : les organisations internationales”, *Revue belge de droit international*, Vol. XVII, 1983, p. 189-227.
- “La nationalité mexicaine”, in *Jurisclasseur sur la nationalité, Répertoire notarial (droit français)*, Paris, 1983, 19 pages.
- “Réflexions sur la portée et les effets de l’engagement conventionnel externe de la Communauté Economique Européenne”, in *Pensamiento Juridico Y Sociedad Internacional, Libro-homenaje al Profesor D. Antonio Truyol y Serra*, Madrid, Tecnos, 1986, pp. 327-363.
- “Réflexions sur la ‘loyauté’ dans les rapports judiciaires internationaux”, in *La loyauté : Mélanges offerts à Etienne Cerexhe*, Brussels, Larcier, 1996, pp. 67-95.
- “A propos de l’effectivité de la Cour internationale de Justice dans le règlement pacifique des différends internationaux”, *African Yearbook of International Law*, 1996, Vol. 4, pp. 103-134.
- “The Effectiveness of the International Court of Justice in the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes”, in *The International Court of Justice: its Future Role after Fifty Years*, A.S. Muller et al. (eds), The Hague, Martinus Nijhof, 1997, pp. 83-116.
- “Développements récents concernant l’accès des organisations intergouvernementales à la procédure contentieuse devant la Cour internationale de Justice”, in *Liber amicorum Mohammed Bedjaoui*, The Hague, Kluwer Law International, 1999, pp. 293-323.
- “La contribution du Professeur Charles De Visscher à la justice internationale”, *European Journal of International Law*, 1999, pp. 905-938.
- “L’organisation et les moyens des juridictions internationales face au contentieux international”, in *La juridictionnalisation du droit international*, Colloque de Lille, Société française de droit international, Paris, Pedone, 2003, pp. 467-509.
- “El Secretario de la Corte Internacional de Justicia: estatuto y funciones”, in *Iniciacion a la pratica en Derecho internacional y Derecho comunitario europeo*, Carlos Jimenez Piernas (ed.), Universidad de Alcalá, Madrid, Marcia Pons, 2003, pp. 21-81.
- “Le Greffier de la Cour internationale de Justice : statut et fonctions”, *Global Community: Yearbook of International Law and Jurisprudence*, 2003, Vol. I, pp. 19-78.
- “Le règlement juridictionnel”, in *Le processus de délimitation maritime, étude d’un cas fictif*, Colloque international de Monaco, Institut du droit économique de la mer (INDEMER), Paris, Pedone, 2004, pp. 349-388.

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- “Article 93”, in *Commentaire de la Charte des Nations article par article*, Jean-Pierre Cot and Alain Pellet (eds.), Paris, Economica, 3rd edition, Vol. 2, 2005, pp.1963-1986.
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- “Aperçu du statut et des fonctions du Greffier de la Cour internationale de Justice”, in *Les arrêts de la Cour internationale de Justice*, Proceedings of the workshops organized by the Law and Political Science Faculty of the University of Burgundy, Dijon, compiled by Charalambos Apostolidis, Dijon, Editions universitaires de Dijon, 2005, pp. 65-81.
- “Article 16”, “Article 17”, in *The Statute of the International Court of Justice: a commentary*, Andreas Zimmermann, Christian Tomuschat and Karin Oellers-Frahm (eds.), Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1st ed., 2006, pp. 323-349; 2nd ed., 2012, pp. 356-385, 3rd. ed., 2019 (pp. 429-457).
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- “El balance histórico-sociológico de la Corte”, “La obra de la Corte Internacional de Justicia” and “El Papel de la secretaría a través del procedimiento judicial ante la Corte Internacional de Justicia”, Cursos de verano de Vitoria-Gasteiz, Servicio editorial de la Universidad del País Vasco 2007, pp. 100-204.
- “The Registrar of the International Court of Justice: Status and Functioning”, in *The Legal Practice in International Law and European Community Law*, Carlos Jiménez Piernas (ed.), Martinez Sijthof, 2007.
- “The International Court of Justice at The Hague: the Keystone of the Edifice of the ‘Legal Capital of the World’”, in *The Hague Legal Capital? – Liber in honorem W. J. Deetman*, Hague Academic Press, 2008, pp. 181-189.
- “La Belgique dans la tourmente espagnole. Notes sur l’affaire de Borchgrave”, in *Guerra y Paz: 1945-2009 – Obra homenaje al Dr. Santiago Torres Bernárdez*, Cursos de Derecho Internacional y Relaciones Internacionales de Vitoria-Gasteiz, Universidade del País Vasco, 2010, pp. 76-119.
- “La jurisprudencia de la Corte Internacional de Justicia en materia de Derechos Humanos”, in *La eficacia del Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos*, Cursos de Derechos Humanos de Donostia-San Sebastian, Vol. XI, Juan Soroeta Liceras (ed.), Servicio editorial de la Universidad del País Vasco, 2011, pp. 123-147.

- “Notes sur le ‘droit’ colonial français dans la mise en œuvre du principe de l’*uti possidetis juris* par la Cour internationale de Justice”, in *L’Afrique et le droit international : Variations sur l’Organisation internationale / Africa and International Law : Reflections on the International Organization – Liber Amicorum Raymond Ranjeva*, Maurice K. Kamga and Makane Moïse Mbengue (eds.), Paris, Pedone, 2013, pp. 111-124.
- “Regards sur la Cour permanente de Justice internationale”, in *The Global Community: Yearbook of International Law and Jurisprudence, Global Trends: Law, Policy & Justice Essays in Honour of Professor Giuliana Ziccardi Capaldo*, Mahmoud Cherif Bassiouni et al. (eds.), New York, Oxford University Press USA, 2013, pp. 101-115.
- “La Corte Internacional de Justicia: su contribución al Derecho Internacional”, in *España y la práctica del Derecho Internacional. LXXV Aniversario de la Asesoría Jurídica Internacional del MAEC*, José Martín and Pérez de Nanclares (eds.), Colección Escuela Diplomática No. 20, 2014, pp. 145-158.
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- “La Ville libre de Dantzig devant la Cour permanente de Justice Internationale”, in *Contemporary Developments in International Law: Essays in Honour of Budislav Vukas*, Rüdiger Wolfrum et al. (eds.), Brill/Nijhoff, Leiden/Boston, 2016, pp. 3-25.
- “Privileges and Immunities of Members of the International Court of Justice, the Registrar and Officials of the Registry, and Other Persons Connected with the Business of the Court”, in *The Conventions on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies. A Commentary*, August Reinisch (ed.), Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 859-871.
- «Le "droit colonial" dans le contentieux frontalier terrestre, à la lumière de la jurisprudence récente de la CIJ», in *Droit des frontières internationales*, Pierre d’Argent, Evelyne Lagrange, Stefan Oeter, (dir.), Pedone, Paris, 2016, pp. 127-144.
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- *The International Court of Justice and the Effectiveness of International Law*, Collected Courses of the Xiamen Academy of International Law, vol. 9, Brill/Martinus Nijhoff, Leiden, 2016, 271 p.
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- «Estoppel: synonyme pédant de la bonne foi», in *Dictionnaire des idées reçues du droit international*, Pedone, Paris, 2017, pp. 221-228.
- «La Grèce et la justice internationale», in *Liber Amicorum Stelios Perrakis*, Sideris Publications, Athens, 2017, 2017, pp. 79-96.
- «70 Years of the International Court of Justice : How Does It Remain Relevant In a Changing World?», *Sophia Law Review*, vol. 61 (2017), pp. 1-15.

- «Evidence before the International Court of Justice», in R. Kolodkin (ed.), *Evidence before International Courts and Tribunals: Distinct Fora, Similar Approaches?*, International and Comparative Law Research Center, Moscou, 2019 (à paraître).
- «La jurisprudence de la Cour internationale de Justice en matière de droits de l'homme », *Revista do Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos*, vol. 19 (2019), pp. 241-264.
- Lectures on line
- Le déroulement du procès devant la Cour internationale de Justice in the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
- La Cour internationale de Justice: Un entretien avec M. Philippe Couvreur, Greffier de la Cour internationale de Justice in the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (retrieved 2013-03-26)
- La Cour permanente de Justice Internationale: Un entretien avec M. Philippe Couvreur, Greffier de la Cour internationale de Justice in the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (retrieved 2013-03-26)
- América latina, la Corte internacional de Justicia y el derecho internacional. Hablemos de derecho internacional (HDI), S.E. Sr. Philippe Couvreur, 26 Junio 2020

— Speaker at numerous colloquiums, conferences and seminars (including at the Belgian Royal Academy, the Xiamen Academy of International Law, the University of Alcalá, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, the Judicial Training Institute in Thailand (Bangkok), the University of the Basque Country, the University of Helsinki, Pusan National University, the University of Leuven, the University of Lille, the University of Burgundy, Seoul National University, the University of Seville, Sophia University of Tokyo, the University of Zagreb, the International and Comparative Law Research Center in Moscow, etc.).

— Corresponding Member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Moral and Political Sciences.

— Member of the Scientific Board, Courses on International Law and International Relations of the University of Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain).

— Member of the Scientific and Teaching Council of the Institut du droit de la paix et du développement, University Nice Sophia-Antipolis (France).

— Member of various learned societies.

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

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### COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

#### — *Trainee in the Legal Service (1978-1979)*

Attached to the Director-General's Office, responsible for following the negotiations on the accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Communities and drafting related legal notes and reports. Also responsible for preparing draft replies to questions of a legal nature put to the Commission by Members of the European Parliament.

### INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

#### — *Special assistant in the offices of the Registrar and Deputy-Registrar (1982-1986)*

Responsible for providing direct assistance to the Registrar and the Deputy-Registrar in the performance of their duties (of a legal nature, as well as administrative and budgetary, and in the area of information and publications). In particular, participated in preparing the Court's decisions, attended deliberations, provided secretarial support to the Court's committees (including drafting committees and the Rules Committee) and contributed to the preparation of a Repertory of the Court's practice in forty volumes.

#### — *Secretary (1986-1994), First Secretary (1994-1995) and Principal Legal Secretary (1995-2000):*

These roles primarily involved:

- assisting the Court in preparing its decisions and monitoring deliberations in all cases;
- composing and drafting orders of a diverse nature;
- composing and drafting procedural notes;
- composing and drafting correspondence (in particular concerning procedural and legal matters);
- attending meetings between the President of the Court and the parties' agents; drafting minutes of meetings;
- assisting the President and Registrar of the Court in drafting speeches;
- providing secretarial support to the Court's committees (including drafting committees and the Rules Committee; responsible for making proposals for topics of discussion and submitting draft agendas to the Chairman of the Rules Committee, Mr. Lachs, and submitting draft reports to the Court);
- preparing or overseeing the preparation of the Court's publications (Yearbook, Court's report to the General Assembly, Handbook, Series C, press releases, etc.);
- giving presentations on the Court to groups of visitors (including at the UNITAR summer programme) and externally;
- receiving visitors (in particular, diplomats and academics) and answering their questions on the Court;

— accompanying and assisting the President of the Court and the Registrar on official visits to New York. Participating in the presentation of the Court's activities before the principal organs of the United Nations and the Court's budget before the competent financial bodies.

**— Registrar of the Court (elected for a seven-year term with effect from 10 February 2000, and re-elected for two further seven-year terms on 8 February 2007 and 3 February 2014; stepped down from his functions on 1 July 2019)**

The International Court of Justice is the only principal organ of the United Nations that does not receive administrative assistance from the Secretariat. It has its own independent administration: the Registry. There are currently 116 officials working at the Registry (in 2000 there were 59). Since the Court is both an international organization and a judicial organ, the Registry's tasks are both those of an international secretariat and those of a service helping in the administration of justice.

The Registrar is the head of the Registry and all its departments. As such, he is responsible for its administration and for its relations with the United Nations and Member States. He represents the Court before other organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, and international bodies and conferences. He has been a member of all the Court's delegations on its official visits to United Nations Headquarters since 2000 (from the 55th to the 73rd annual session of the General Assembly) and has, in addition, been responsible for negotiating the Court's budget and the conditions of service of Members of the Court with the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies.

The Registrar is, in general, the official point of contact between the Court and the outside world. He is, in particular, responsible for relations with the parties and the diplomatic corps.

At the same time, the Registrar is responsible for providing judicial assistance to the Court. To that end, he participates in all the Court's deliberations and provides secretarial support to its various committees, in particular the drafting committees whose task is to prepare decisions. He also performs numerous procedural duties and supervises the drafting of all documents required by the Court for its work. Since 2000, he has sat, in his official capacity, in the following cases:

- *Legal Consequences of the Separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965 (Request for Advisory Opinion)*;
- *Certain Iranian Assets (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)*;
- *Alleged Violations of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)*;
- *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Qatar v. United Arab Emirates)*;
- *Maritime Delimitation in the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua) and Land Boundary in the Northern Part of Isla Portillos (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua)*;
- *Jadhav Case (India v. Pakistan)*;
- *Application of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Ukraine v. Russian Federation)*;
- *Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)* ;
- *Immunities and Criminal Proceedings (Equatorial Guinea v. France)*
- *Obligations concerning Negotiations relating to Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and to Nuclear Disarmament (Marshall Islands v. United Kingdom)*;

- *Obligations concerning Negotiations relating to Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and to Nuclear Disarmament (Marshall Islands v. Pakistan);*
- *Obligations concerning Negotiations relating to Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and to Nuclear Disarmament (Marshall Islands v. India);*
- *Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Colombia);*
- *Question of the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Nicaragua and Colombia beyond 200 nautical miles from the Nicaraguan Coast (Nicaragua v. Colombia);*
- *Obligation to Negotiate Access to the Pacific Ocean (Bolivia v. Chile);*
- *Construction of a Road in Costa Rica along the San Juan River (Nicaragua v. Costa Rica);*
- *Certain Activities carried out by Nicaragua in the Border Area (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua);*
- *Questions relating to the Seizure and Detention of Certain Documents and Data (Timor-Leste v. Australia);*
- *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Croatia v. Serbia);*
- *Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v. Japan: New Zealand intervening);*
- *Maritime Dispute (Peru v. Chile);*
- *Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 15 June 1962 in the Case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia v. Thailand) (Cambodia v. Thailand);*
- *Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/Niger) ;*
- *Questions relating to the Obligation to Prosecute or Extradite (Belgium v. Senegal);*
- *Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Nicaragua v. Colombia);*
- *Ahmadou Sadio Diallo (Republic of Guinea v. Democratic Republic of the Congo);*
- *Jurisdictional Immunities of the State (Germany v. Italy: Greece intervening);*
- *Judgment No. 2867 of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization upon a Complaint Filed against the International Fund for Agricultural Development (Request for Advisory Opinion);*
- *Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995 (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia v. Greece);*
- *Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Georgia v. Russian Federation);*
- *Accordance with International Law of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence in respect of Kosovo (Request for Advisory Opinion);*
- *Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay (Argentina v. Uruguay);*
- *Dispute regarding Navigational and Related Rights (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua);*
- *Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Romania v. Ukraine);*
- *Request for Interpretation of the Judgment of 31 March 2004 in the Case concerning Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America) (Mexico v. United States of America);*
- *Certain Questions of Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Djibouti v. France);*
- *Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge (Malaysia/Singapore);*
- *Territorial and Maritime Dispute between Nicaragua and Honduras in the Caribbean Sea (Nicaragua v. Honduras);*
- *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia and Montenegro);*
- *Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (New Application: 2002) (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Rwanda);*
- *Frontier Dispute (Benin/Niger);*
- *Certain Property (Liechtenstein v. Germany);*
- *Legality of Use of Force (Serbia and Montenegro v. United Kingdom); (Serbia and Montenegro v. Portugal); (Serbia and Montenegro v. Netherlands); (Serbia and Montenegro v. Italy); (Serbia and Montenegro v. Germany); (Serbia and Montenegro v. France); (Serbia and Montenegro v. Canada); (Serbia and Montenegro v. Belgium);*
- *Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America);*



- *Application for Revision of the Judgment of 11 September 1992 in the Case concerning the Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute (El Salvador/Honduras: Nicaragua intervening) (El Salvador v. Honduras);*
- *Oil Platforms (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America);*
- *Application for Revision of the Judgment of 11 July 1996 in the Case concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Yugoslavia), Preliminary Objections (Yugoslavia v. Bosnia and Herzegovina);*
- *Sovereignty over Pulau Ligitan and Pulau Sipadan (Indonesia/Malaysia);*
- *Land and Maritime Boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria (Cameroon v. Nigeria: Equatorial Guinea intervening);*
- *Arrest Warrant of 11 April 2000 (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Belgium);*
- *LaGrand (Germany v. United States of America);*
- *Maritime Delimitation and Territorial Questions between Qatar and Bahrain (Qatar v. Bahrain).*

The functions of the Registrar are described in Article 26 of the Rules of Court as follows:

“1. The Registrar, in the discharge of his functions, shall:

(a) be the regular channel of communications to and from the Court, and in particular shall effect all communications, notifications and transmission of documents required by the Statute or by these Rules and ensure that the date of despatch and receipt thereof may be readily verified;

(b) keep, under the supervision of the President, and in such form as may be laid down by the Court, a General List of all cases, entered and numbered in the order in which the documents instituting proceeding or requesting an advisory opinion are received in the Registry;

(c) have the custody of the declarations accepting the jurisdiction of the Court made by States not parties to the Statute in accordance with any resolution adopted by the Security Council under Article 35, paragraph 2, of the Statute, and transmit certified copies thereof to all States parties to the Statute, to such other States as shall have deposited declarations, and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

(d) transmit to the parties copies of all pleadings and documents annexed upon receipt thereof in the Registry;

(e) communicate to the government of the country in which the Court or a Chamber is sitting, and any other governments which may be concerned, the necessary information as to the persons from time to time entitled, under the Statute and relevant agreements, to privileges, immunities, or facilities;

(f) be present, in person or by his deputy, at meetings of the Court, and of the Chambers, and be responsible for the preparation of minutes of such meetings;

(g) make arrangements for such provision or verification of translations and interpretations into the Court's official languages as the Court may require;

(h) sign all judgments, advisory opinions and orders of the Court, and the minutes referred to in subparagraph (f);

(i) be responsible for the printing and publication of the Court's judgments, advisory opinions and orders, the pleadings and statements, and minutes of public sittings in cases, and of such other documents as the Court may direct to be published;

(j) be responsible for all administrative work and in particular for the accounts and financial administration in accordance with the financial procedures of the United Nations;

(k) deal with enquiries concerning the Court and its work;

(l) assist in maintaining relations between the Court and other organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, and international bodies and conferences concerned with the codification and progressive development of international law;

(m) ensure that information concerning the Court and its activities is made accessible to governments, the highest national courts of justice, professional and learned societies, legal faculties and schools of law, and public information media;

(n) have custody of the seals and stamps of the Court, of the archives of the Court, and of such other archives as may be entrusted to the Court<sup>1</sup>”.

—*Judge ad hoc in the case concerning Guatemala’s Territorial, Insular and Maritime Claim (Guatemala/Belize) as from 24 December 2019*

## PRINCIPAL LANGUAGES

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Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish.

## AWARDS

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*Grand Officier de l’Ordre de Léopold* (Belgium); Commander by Number of the *Orden de Isabel la Católica* (Spain); Commander by Number of the *Orden del Mérito civil* (Spain); Commander of the Order of Merit (Romania); Officer of the *Légion d’honneur* (France); Medalla al Mérito Diplomático Dr. Jose Gustavo Guerrero (El Salvador).

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<sup>1</sup>“The Registrar also keeps the Archives of the Permanent Court of International Justice, entrusted to the present Court by decision of the Permanent Court of October 1945 (*I.C.J. Yearbook 1946-1947*, p. 26), and the Archives of the Trial of the Major War Criminals before the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg (1945-1946), entrusted to the Court by decision of that Tribunal of 1 October 1946; the Court authorized the Registrar to accept the latter Archives by decision of 19 November 1949.”