

## **Professor Dr. Bogdan Aurescu**

### **Member of the UN International Law Commission**



Dr. Bogdan Aurescu is a *Full Professor of International Law* at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest, having started his teaching activity in 1998. He is currently *member of the UN International Law Commission (ILC)* for a 2<sup>nd</sup> mandate (2023-2027; 1<sup>st</sup> mandate 2017-2022).

Professor Aurescu has actively and significantly contributed to the work of the ILC, including through promoting the topic “*Sea-level rise in relation to international law*” on the agenda of the Commission. Professor Aurescu is currently *Co-Chair of the ILC Study Group of on this topic*. In this capacity, he co-authored the First Issues Paper (2020) and the Additional Paper to the First Issues Paper (2023) on law of the sea aspects related to sea-level rise.

After having served as substitute member (independent legal expert) between 2002 and 2022, Professor Aurescu is, since 2022, *member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe*. In the Venice Commission, Professor Aurescu acted as rapporteur or co-rapporteur for 30 reports, opinions, or studies of this body.

He is a seasoned career diplomat with the rank of Ambassador with both wide academic practice and direct involvement in implementing International Law, including during his *two mandates as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania* (November 2014 – November 2015; November 2019 – June 2023). He also acted as Secretary of State (Deputy Minister) during the periods 2004-2005 and 2009-2014. Since 15 June 2023 he serves for a 2<sup>nd</sup> mandate as *Presidential Advisor for Foreign Policy* for the President of Romania (1<sup>st</sup> mandate 2016-2019).

Dr. Aurescu was the *Government Agent of Romania for the European Court of Human Rights* (2003-2004) and the *Agent of Romania before the International Court of Justice* (2004-2009), in the *Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea* case. He also *coordinated the Romanian team (and pleaded) before ICJ in the Advisory Opinion proceedings* regarding the *Accordance with international law of the unilateral declaration of independence in respect of Kosovo*. Currently, he is again Agent before ICJ in the case concerning *Allegations of genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide*.

He was member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (2002-2023) and is arbitrator designated by Romania according to article 2 of Annex VII to the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea (since 2009).

He is president of the Romanian Branch of the International Law Association and editor-in-chief of the Romanian Journal of International Law.

In June 2015, during his first mandate as Foreign Minister, *Professor Aurescu actively promoted and finalized the demarches which led to the acceptance by Romania of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice*, thus becoming the 72<sup>nd</sup> State to take such step.

During his second mandate as Foreign Minister, in November 2021, *Professor Aurescu launched a global campaign to broaden the recognition of the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice*, the Core Group of supporting States, composed of Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain and Switzerland, elaborated the *Declaration on promoting the jurisdiction of the ICJ*, Romania acting as its “depository”.

Under the *coordination of Dr Aurescu*, Romania joined the core coalition of 17 UN Member States from all geographical regions, initiated by Vanuatu, to request an *Advisory Opinion of the ICJ on Obligations of States in respect of Climate Change*.

Throughout his 25-year academic career, Professor Aurescu has been teaching Public International Law, International Courts and Tribunals and other courses pertaining to the international law sphere at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest and other prestigious academic institutions, such as the Diplomatic Academy / Romanian Diplomatic Institute and the National School of Political and Administrative Studies.

He has authored, co-authored, edited, and co-edited 19 books (3 – author, 8 – (co-)editor and 8 – co-author) in the field of International Law, 55 book chapters, studies in collective volumes and volumes of international conferences, and more than 225 articles, studies, comments, and book reviews published in foreign or Romanian journals.