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<b>Brazil</b>	<b>Brésil</b>		
Mr. ANTÔNIO HERMAN DE VASCONCELLOS BENJAMIN. Chief justice of the National High Court of Brazil, Chair Emeritus of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment. Appointed Justice of the National High Court of Brazil (STJ) in 2006 by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Professor Antonio Herman Benjamin was a career Public Prosecutor of the State of Sao Paulo for over two decades, where he headed the Environmental Protection Division. He is the president of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE)-the organization that brings together Supreme Court Justices and judges from around the world who work with Environmental Law - and Secretary-General of the "International Advisory Council for Environmental Justice" of UNEP - The United Nations Environment Programme. Justice Benjamin is also president of the Brazilian Environmental Forum of Judges (FONAMA) and former Director of the L.L.M (Master degree) Programme of the National Judicial Academy of Brazil (ENFAM). Justice Benjamin is a former president of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), the Brazilian Fulbright Alumni Association and member of the UN Secretary General Legal Expert Group on Crimes against the Environment. Professor Benjamin has served as co-chair of INECE - The International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, president of the Environmental Committee of the Summit of Chief Justices of Ibero-America. During the 2012 Rio+20 Conference, he was the coordinator of the UNEP World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability Justice. Justice Benjamin was a professor at the Catholic University of Brasilia School of Law and has been a visiting professor and lecturer at prestigious academic institutions around the world. He is the founder and emeritus editor-in-chief of the Brazilian Environmental Law Review, published by Thomson Reuters, the oldest publication of its kind in Latin America. He has codrafted several major Brazilian statutes, including the 1990 Consumer Protection Code, the 1992 Anti-Corruption Act, the 1994 Competition Act, the 1998 Crimes Against the Environment Act, the 2006 Forest Concession Act, the 2006 Atlantic Forest Act, and the 2012 Forest Code. He has authored, coauthored and edited over thirty books and articles in Brazil and abroad. Justice Benjamin has received several awards, honours and other recognitions in Brazil and abroad. He is a Knight ("Chevalier") of the National Order of the Legion of Honour ("Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur") of France and a Commander ("Commandeur") of the Order of King Leopold of Belgium. He is the recipient of the 2015 Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law, awarded by Stockholm University and considered the most prestigious international distinction conferred upon an environmental legal expert. He is a Goodwill Ambassador for Environmental Justice of the Organization of American States -OAS. In 2020, Brazilian scientists named after him a newly discovered species of orchid from the Amazon Rain Forest - <i>Bulbophyllum antoniobenjaminii</i> . E-mail: ahbenja@gmail.com	12 - 06 - 2025		

### **Czechia**

Prof. JUDr. VLADIMÍR BALAŠ, Ph.D., Professor of International Law at the Charles University, Faculty of Law in Prague, former director of the Institute of Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences, former member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and ICSID Panel of Arbitrators. ILA (former President and current Vice-President of Czech ILA

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Branch), member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, member of the Czech Bar Association, Fields of specific expertise: International Law, International Economic Law, Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, International Arbitration. Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic (October 2021-2025, 9th Chamber), Vice-Chairman of the Constitutional Law Committee, Member of the Standing Committee on the Constitution of the Czech Republic, Member of the Subcommittee on Science and Universities since 2021 Minister of Education, Youth and Sports (2022/06-2023/05), presiding 4 European Councils (Youth, Education, Science - COMPET, Sport - Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council (EYCS)) during Czech EU Presidency from 2022/07 to 2022/12. E-mail: vlabalas@gmail.com

### Republic of Korea

Judge YOUNG-CHANG LEE, Judge of Gwangju High Court, Trial Chamber at Jeonju District Court (2019-present); Judge of Seoul High Court (2014-2019), Research Judge of the Supreme Court (2012-214), Judge of Seoul High Court (2011-2012), Judge of Seoul Central District Court (2009-2011), Judge of Incheon District Court (2007-2009), Judge of Seosan Branch Court of Daejeon District Court (2003-2007), Judge of Seoul District Court (2001-2003), Judge of Northern Branch Court of Seoul District Court (1999-2001). LL.M. from Seoul National University (1994).

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### Malta

Prof. DAVID J. ATTARD. Member of the Tribunal since 1 October 2011; Vice-President 2017-2020; President of the Seabed Disputes Chamber since 2023; President of the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes 2020-2023. Born: Sliema, Malta, 29 March 1953. Education: Diploma of Notary Public, University of Malta (1977); Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), University of Malta (1978); Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.), University of Oxford (1986). Professional Qualifications: Advocate, Malta; Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, London. Professional Experience: Teaching law of the sea (1987-present); Associate Professor, Department of Public Law, University of Malta (1986); Full and Founding Professor of Public International Law, University of Malta (1988-2011); UNEP Chair of Environmental Diplomacy, Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (1990); Director, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (1992-2022); Visiting Professor of International Law, University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (1994); Senior Visiting Lecturer, College of Foreign Affairs, Beijing (1995); Visiting Senior Research Fellow, University of Oxford (1998-1999); Fulbright Scholar, Yale Law School (2000); Visiting Professor, University Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I) (2007). Public Office: Retained by numerous Governments to advise on international legal matters, in particular the international law regulating exploration and exploitation of marine resources; led numerous teams in negotiations to delimit single maritime boundaries, continental shelf/exclusive economic zone boundaries and fishing zone boundaries. Member of and Consultant to the Maltese Delegation to the International Maritime Organization General Assembly (1986); Head of the Maltese Delegation to the UN Preparatory Commission on Deep Sea Mining and the Law of the Sea Tribunal, New York (1987); Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the UN Secretary-General, New York (1987); Adviser to the Maltese Delegation to the 43rd Session of the UN General Assembly, New York (1988); Representative of Malta at the 2nd Committee (Economic) of the UN General Assembly, New York (1988); Principal Delegate to the UNEP/WMO Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Geneva (1988); Personal Representative of the Maltese Prime Minister to the Heads of States and Governments Meeting on the Global Atmosphere, The Hague (1989); Head of the Maltese Delegation to the UNEP Governing Council, Nairobi (1989); Member of Maltese Delegation to the IMO Diplomatic Conference on the Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response Convention, London (1990); Adviser to the President of the UN General Assembly, New York (1990); Adviser to the Maltese Delegation to the CSCE meeting on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, Valletta (1991); Head of the Maltese Delegation to the UN Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the Framework Convention on Climate Change, Washington, D.C./Geneva/ Nairobi (1991); Chancellor of the University of Malta (2011). Member: Board of Governors, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta (1989); UNEP/WMO Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on Climate, Geneva (1989); Council of Europe Group of Experts on Public International Law, Strasbourg (1989); World Academy of Art and Science, Sweden (1990); Board of Advisers, Climate Institute, Washington, D.C. (1990); Chairman, UNITAR Working Group on Environmental Diplomacy, Geneva (1991); Steering Committee for Human Rights, Strasburg (2000); Titular Member, Comité maritime international (2001); Honorary Member, Comité maritime international, Slovenia (2002); Member and Member of Specialized Panel of Arbitrators, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague (2004-

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present); European Union Expert Group on Maritime Policy, Brussels (2005). Publications: Numerous articles on international law and in particular law of the sea. The Exclusive Economic Zone in International Law, Clarendon Press, University of Oxford (awarded the Paul Guggenheim (International Law) Prize, Geneva, 1987); General Editor, IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law (3 volumes), Oxford University Press; General Editor and Academic Coordinator of the IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance (3 Volumes). Distinctions: Lega Navale "Dioscuri Prize", Catania, Italy (1998); Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur, Paris (2004); Official, National Order of Merit, Malta (2007); Encomienda de Número de la Orden de Isabel la Católica, Spain (2009); Order of Merit, Italian Republic (2010); International Maritime Prize of the International Maritime Organization (2022).

Prof. SIMONE BORG. Professor Simone Borg LL.D, LL.M. (Int law), Ph.D (IMLI) is Malta's Ambassador for Climate Action and is a resident academic at the University of Malta, a visiting professor at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute and has lectured at various Universities abroad. She is specialised in Climate law and policy and the Law of the Sea and Ocean Governance, particularly in relation to the conservation of living marine resources. Prof Borg started her career as a diplomat with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and later headed the Legal and Multilateral Affairs department from 1992 to 2004 within the Ministry responsible for the Environment. During this time, she also drafted national environmental law and policy and was Malta's negotiator in various Environmental Multilateral Agreements, particularly in the climate change negotiations. She was also responsible for the transposition of the environmental *acquis communautaire* when Malta joined the European Union in 2004. In 2017, during Malta's tenure of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, she chaired the EU working party on climate negotiations. During Malta's tenure as an elected member to the United Nations Security council she has provided legal advice to government on Sea Level Rise and other climate and ocean governance related legal issues. She was appointed the OSCE's Special Representative on Climate Action to serve throughout Malta's chairpersonship of the Organization in 2024. Simone Borg has served as the first chairperson of the Occupational Health and Safety Authority and chaired the Post COVID Strategy Committee. Prof Borg is a member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, a member of its sub-committee on the oceans. She has authored various International publications on environmental law in Malta, ocean governance and climate change. Her most recent publications focus on the climate-ocean nexus. She has received the French National Order of Merit for her work on climate action in Malta and within the International community. She was awarded the Inspirational Leadership Award by the British High Commission in Malta and the Medal for Service to the Republic of Malta for her work on climate action.

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### Slovak Republic

### République slovaque

Prof. Dr. JÁN KLUČKA, PhD; Professor of International Law (retired); former Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Communities; former Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic; former Director of the Institute of International and European Law, Faculty of Law, P.J. Šafárik University, Košice; Honorary President of the Slovak Society of International Law at the Slovak Academy of Sciences. Mailing address: Za Priekopou 11, Košice, Slovak Republic; e-mail: j.klucka@klucka.eu

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### Thailand

### Thaïlande

Dr. AMNAT WONGBANDIT received a Doctor of Law Degree from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada and LL.M. from New York University. He holds a license of Barrister-at-Law from the Thai Bar Association. He obtained a Bachelor of Law Degree from Thammasat University where he currently teaches as Professor of Law. He has published over 60 articles and research reports as well as text books. He has received several recognitions during his career such as the National Distinguished Researcher Award (law) from the National Research Council of Thailand in 2014. He has vast experience as head of study and research projects in various areas of laws relating to the environment management such as water laws, mineral laws and factory laws. As an expert of environmental law, he has been invited to join several national committees and sub-committees relating to environmental protection. Presently, he is a member of the Pollution Control Committee, the Nuclear Energy for Peace Commission and Education Council. He has also been a member of the Basel Convention Sub-committee under the National Environment Board of Thailand since 2008. Email: wongban@tu.ac.th, awongban@yahoo.com. Tel: 0066813387494.

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