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# Press Release

## JUDGE VUKAS ELECTED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL

Hamburg, 2 October. Judge Vukas (Croatia) was today elected as Vice-President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea by the judges of the Tribunal for the period 2002 to 2005. Vice-President Vukas has been a Member of the Tribunal since 1996 and replaces Judge Dolliver Nelson who, as the newly-elected President of the Tribunal, conducted the election.

The Vice-President is elected for a period of three years and would assume the functions of the President in the event of a vacancy in the presidency or of the inability of the President to exercise the functions of the presidency.

### Judge Budislav Vukas

**Born:** Rijeka/Sušak, Croatia, 1 January 1938. **Education:** LL.B. (1961), LL.M. (1965), Doctor of Law (International Law) (1974), Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb; attended courses at The Hague Academy of International Law (1961 and 1968–1970); participated in the Centre of the Academy for Studies and Research (International Law and International Relations) (1967). **Professional Experience:** Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb (Assistant 1963–1970, Lecturer 1970–1974, Assistant Professor 1974–1977, Professor 1977–present); lectured at the Universities of Belgrade, Bologna, Boston, Brest, Ljubljana, Maribor, Milan, Osijek, Paris, Parma, Rijeka, Rome, Split, Thessaloniki, Tilburg and Valletta; directed a course on the law of the sea at the Dubrovnik Inter-University Centre (1984–2001); delivered a course on “States, Peoples and Minorities” at The Hague Academy of International Law (1992); Consultant for UNEP, Nairobi (1981 and 1991) and its Co-ordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan, Athens (1985 and 1990); participated in: Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (1975–1982); Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1984–1990 and 1994); International Seabed Authority (1994–1996); Meetings of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (1994–1996); the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly (1990, 1991, 1995); Working Group on the UN Decade of International Law of the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly (Chairman 1990); CSCE Conference on the Human Dimension, Copenhagen Meeting (1990); CSCE Meeting of Experts on National Minorities, Geneva (1991); World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna (1993);

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26th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, Geneva (1995). **Member:** Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations of the International Labour Organization (1985–present); Commission of Inquiry formed under Article 26 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization to examine the observance by Romania of the Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111) (1989–1991); Scientific Council of the European Institute for Marine Studies, Brest, France (1997–present); Scientific Council of the Institute for Economic Law of the Sea, Monaco (2000–present); Permanent Court of Arbitration (1989–1991 and 1999–present); Court of Conciliation and Arbitration within the OSCE (1995–present); Institut de Droit international (Associate member 1991–1997, Member 1997–present); Croatian Society of International Law (1961–present); Société française pour le droit international (1978–present); Argentine Association of International Law (2002); International Council of Environmental Law, Bonn (1978–present); Judge *ad hoc* in the case before the International Court of Justice concerning *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Croatia v. Yugoslavia)*. **Publications:** Author of numerous books, monographs, articles and papers in various fields of public international law, in particular law of the sea, international environmental law, international protection of human rights and national minorities, including *The Relativity of Treaties* (in Croatian), 1975; *Ethnic Minorities and International Relations* (in Croatian), 1978; *The New Law of the Sea* (ed., in Croatian), 1982; *Essays on the New Law of the Sea, Vol. I–III*, (ed.), 1985–1996; *The Legal Regime of Enclosed or Semi-Enclosed Seas: The Particular Case of the Mediterranean* (ed.), 1988; *International Law, Vol. I* (with J. Andrassy and B. Bakotić, in Croatian), 1995.

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