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Curricula vitae of candidates nominated by States Parties for election to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Note by the Registrar

The Registrar hereby submits to the Meeting of States parties the curricula vitae of the candidates nominated by States parties for the election of members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, which will take place at the thirty-third Meeting of States parties. A list of the candidates nominated by States parties is contained in document [SPLOS/33/5](#).

The document contains the statements of qualification, as submitted by the nominating States. In view of the existing United Nations rules and regulations governing the submission, issuance and length of parliamentary documents, as reflected in General Assembly resolutions [47/202](#) and [52/214](#), statements of qualifications or the curricula vitae which exceeded the word count have been made available in full, in their original language, on the relevant web page of the Tribunal (<https://www.itlos.org/en/main/the-tribunal/the-tribunal/election-of-members-of-the-tribunal/>).

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Annex

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Armas Pfirter, Frida María (Argentina)

Prof. Frida María Armas Pfirter is a prestigious lawyer specialized in International Law and Law of the Sea. She holds a Ph.D. in International Law by the University of Buenos Aires.

At the beginning of her career, she served as a Legal Officer in the Supreme Court of Justice of the Argentine Republic.

She has extensive academic and teaching experience, both in Argentina and abroad, as shown by her numerous publications. In addition, she has been convened as an expert by several international organizations related to the law of the sea, such as the International Seabed Authority, where she has been a member of the Legal and Technical Commission and the Finance Committee for the last 20 years.

In recognition of her outstanding career, in 2021 she was elected as a Full Member of the Academy of Law and Social Sciences of Buenos Aires.

Since 1997 she has led the National Commission on the Outer Limit of the Continental Shelf (COPLA) and the multidisciplinary team in charge of the process for the determination of the outer limit of the Argentine continental shelf and the submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS). For these commendable tasks, she was awarded the Domingo F. Sarmiento Honorable Mention by the Argentine Senate.

At an international level, she has been the head or a member of the Argentine Delegation in meetings held with various international organizations, such as the CLCS, meetings of the United Nations related to the law of the sea, meetings on Marine Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction, hearings of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and bilateral technical meetings on the outer limit of the continental shelf, among others.

She is a Conciliator and Arbitrator of the dispute settlement system of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and an Expert for the purposes of Annex VIII of UNCLOS, in the area of fisheries.

She is currently one of the 15 members of the “UN Ocean Decade Advisory Board”, UNESCO-IOC.

Her solid professional and academic expertise, along with her great capacity to find innovative solutions in the framework of UNCLOS, make Prof. Armas Pfirter a candidate of excellence to face the current challenges related to oceans and the law of the sea at a global level. If she is elected, she will provide an open perspective to the settlement of disputes, thanks to her versatility, teamwork and ability to build consensus.

Hamoud, Mohammed H. (Iraq)

Dr. Mohammed H. Hamoud is a highly regarded Iraqi legal expert and diplomat, well known for his long international experience. He currently serves at Iraq's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Legal Affairs Advisor for International Affairs and Law of the Sea. Dr. Hamoud holds a Bachelor of Law degree from Baghdad University, a postgraduate diploma as well as a PhD in public law from the University of Montpellier, France and a diploma from the Hague Academy for International Law. Dr. Hamoud is fluent in Arabic, French and English. He is married and has three daughters.

Since 1959, Dr. Hamoud has built a notable career as attorney, professor, ambassador and undersecretary. He has published research work on topics ranging from the legal system of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, to the right of access to the seas by landlocked countries to Apartheid and international law. One of his books has been adopted as part of the law curriculum at leading Arab universities. His research work in international law has also been published in renowned legal periodicals.

Dr. Hamoud has represented Iraq at the Third Law of the Sea Conference, serving as the Chairman of the Arab League Drafting Committee and as member of the Main Drafting Committee of the Law of the Sea Conference.

He was part of the Iraqi delegation to the International Seabed Committee in Jamaica, and served as vice-chairman for the Committee.

He also served as Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Arab League, and as member of the Committee on the Amendment of the League and the Charter of the Arab International Court of Justice.

From 2004 to 2010, Dr. Hamoud was the Undersecretary for Legal, International Organizations and Human Rights Affairs at Iraq's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, as such, has had many activities at the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council. He was also appointed member of the International Court of Arbitration at the Hague.

Heidar, Tomas (Iceland)

Tomas Heidar (Iceland) has been Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) since October 2014 and currently serves as Vice-President of the Tribunal (2020–2023). Earlier he was President of the ITLOS Chamber for Fisheries Disputes (2017–2020). He is a Member of the ITLOS Special Chamber in the *Dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Mauritius and Maldives in the Indian Ocean*.

From 1996–2014, Tomas Heidar served as Legal Adviser of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland, attaining the rank of Ambassador. As such he was responsible for all matters of public international law and represented Iceland regularly at meetings on ocean affairs and the law of the sea at the United Nations and in other international fora.

Vice-President Heidar is also Director of the Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland and Co-director and lecturer of the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy. He lectures at the University of Iceland and many other universities and institutions around the world, including University College London, Queen Mary University of London, the IFLOS Summer Academy and the Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea. He has taught law of the sea at the United Nations Regional Course in International Law in Ethiopia.

Vice-President Heidar is Conciliator and Arbitrator under Annexes V and VII to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Vice-President Heidar has published numerous books and articles on ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including, most recently:

- *Maritime Challenges in Asia* (ed., Korea Maritime Institute, 2020);
- *New Knowledge and Changing Circumstances in the Law of the Sea* (ed., Brill Nijhoff, 2020);
- “Introduction: How Does the Law of the Sea Adapt to New Knowledge and Changing Circumstances?”, in *New Knowledge and Changing Circumstances in the Law of the Sea* (Brill Nijhoff, 2020);
- “The Contribution of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to the Protection of the Marine Environment”, in *The Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law*, 2021;
- “Common Heritage of Mankind” (with Fernanda Millicay), in *Elgar Encyclopedia of Human Rights* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022).

Horinouchi, Hidehisa (Japan)

Education and Academic Profession

LL.B.	Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo (1980)
Overseas Student	Nanjing University, Nanjing, China (1981–83) Graduate School of Arts & Science, Harvard University (1983–84)
Lecturer	Graduate School of Law, Waseda University (2000–02) Faculty of Economy, Shiga University (2011) American University of Phnom Penh (2018) National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations (2019) Center of Japan Studies, Groningen University (2020)

Professional Experience

1995–	Chief Officer in charge of development of Law of the Sea legislation
1996–	Counselor, Embassy of Japan in USA
1999–	Director, International Agreements Division
2000–	Director, Legal Affairs Division
2002–	Director, China and Mongolia Division
2004–	Minister (Political), Embassy of Japan in PRC
2007–	Deputy Director-General, Intelligence and Analysis Service
2009–	Deputy Director-General, International Legal Affairs Bureau
2010–	Minister (Administration), Embassy of Japan in PRC
2011–	Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in PRC
2014–	Consul-General of Japan in Los Angeles
2016–	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia
2019–	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Participation in International Conferences and Meetings

1992	Conclusion Meeting of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
2000	Japan-China Negotiation on the Framework of Mutual Notification on Marine Scientific Research
2007	The Regional Symposium for the 30th Anniversary of the Adoption of the 1977 Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions
2009	The head of delegation, the 24th Session of the CLCS

2014	The head of delegation, the 4th Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia
2019–2022	The head of delegation, the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC
2019–2022	The head of delegation, the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th Session of the Conference of States Parties of the OPCW

Selected Publications

“The Case of Suspicious Boat at South-west Waters of Kyushu and International Law”, September 2003, *Waseda Law Review* Vol. 79-1

“Eight Hours on September 11”, September 2005, *Melting Borders and Transcending Law II, Security and International Crime*, Tokyo University Press

“Remedy on the Chemical Gas Accident at Qiqihar City, Heilongjiang Province”, July 2006, *Issues of International Law in the 21st Century*, Yushindo

“Japan-China Consular Agreement: Trajectory from the Shenyang Incident”, June 2010, *Jurist* No. 1402, Yuhikaku

Japan’s Practice of International Law, 2020, Leiden University Press

Joyini, Thembile Elphus (South Africa)

The candidature of Mr. Thembile Elphus Joyini has been endorsed by the African Union (AU) during the AU Summit in February 2022. He was a member (from 1 January 2017) and thereafter Vice-Chairperson (from 2020) of the Legal and Technical Commission (LTC) of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) until 31 December 2022. He acted as Judge of the High Court of South Africa in Pretoria in 2019. During his acting stint, he presided over several cases and penned 12 judgments. He also handed down several ex-tempore judgments. He was also a Commissioner at the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation, and Arbitration in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 1999 to 2001.

All this is accompanied by his academic and professional qualifications respectively. He has a strong academic background in the form of an LLM (International Law), University of South Africa (2007); LLM (Labour Law), University of South Africa (2000); LLB, Walter Sisulu University (the then University of Transkei) (1995); B Juris, Walter Sisulu University (the then University of Transkei) (1993) and BA, University of South Africa (1989). He has also been admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa since 2007.

Since 2008, he has been serving as Principal State Law Adviser (International Law) in the Office of the Chief State Law Adviser (International Law) in the Foreign Ministry in South Africa. He is responsible for, among others, international law issues, including various aspects of the oceans and law of the sea issues. He is also a seasoned negotiator in the law of the sea space. In this regard, he is currently seized with, among others, the following negotiations:

- facilitator of the institutional arrangements in the negotiations of the Intergovernmental Conference that is currently developing/elaborating an international legally binding instrument under the UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction since March 2022 to date;
- leading in the negotiations on cross-cutting issues on behalf of the African Group in New York in the Intergovernmental Conference that is currently developing/elaborating an international legally binding instrument under the UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction since 2020 to date;
- leading in the negotiations on behalf of the African Group under the auspices of the ISA Open-ended Working Group in respect of the development of the payment regime of the draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the area since March 2022 to date;
- leading also the South African delegation in the Intergovernmental Conference on the development of an International Legally Binding Instrument under the UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction from 2018 to date;
- leading also the South African delegation in the Council and Assembly meetings of the ISA in Kingston, Jamaica, from 2017 to date; etc.

Kamara, Osman Keh (Sierra Leone)

Ambassador Osman Keh Kamara has been nominated by Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone for election as a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (“ITLOS” or “Tribunal”) for the term 2024–2032 with elections to be held during the Thirty-third Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (“UNCLOS”). His candidature is endorsed by the African Union (AU).

Ambassador Kamara has recognized competence in international law and in the field of the law of the sea, with wide ranging experience and expertise in ocean law and policy, international dispute settlement, including experience in a United Nations (UN) backed International Tribunal, and enjoys the highest reputation for fairness and integrity.

Ambassador Kamara has over 22 years of professional experience as a lawyer at national and international levels and in diplomacy. He has full appreciation of the jurisprudence of ITLOS, trained and certified as a Fellow by the Tribunal in the interpretation and application of the UNCLOS. He is presently the Special Advisor for the AU Silencing the Guns Initiative. This role encompasses the implementation of the “African Charter on Maritime Security, Safety and Development in Africa,” as well as the AU Border Programme.

He was appointed by the UN General Assembly as a Member of the UN Group of Experts on “Assessment of the State of Marine Environment including its Socio-Economic Aspects” (2010–2020). This assignment culminated in the compilation of two “World Ocean Assessment Reports”, published by the DOALOS in 2015 and 2020 respectively.

Before his diplomatic appointments, Ambassador Kamara distinguished himself in national and international legal practice as a defence counsel, prosecutor, and legal advisor. He served as Co-Counsel (Appeals Chamber) at the UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone based in Freetown and The Hague.

Ambassador Kamara is educated in common law as well as civil law in Sierra Leone, the United Kingdom, the United States and France. He brings substantial comparative law expertise and exceptional appreciation of the principal legal systems of the world.

He holds a LLB Hons. (University of Sierra Leone), LLM (University of London), LLM (Universitaire Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne), and MPA (Columbia University). He also holds a Diploma (Rhodes Academy of Ocean Law and Policy, Greece); and a Nippon Foundation Fellow at the ITLOS in Hamburg, Germany.

Ambassador Kamara is proficient in the official languages of the Tribunal.

Marciniak, Konrad Jan (Poland)

Dr. Konrad Jan Marciniak holds a Master's Degree in Law, as well as a Ph.D. in International Law (thesis on the legal status of marine genetic resources) from Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (Poland).

Since 2019, he has served at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs as legal adviser and director of the Legal and Treaty Department. Previously, he was the department's deputy director (2014–2019) and senior expert on international law of the sea and environmental law (2007–2014). Throughout his career, in addition to all aspects of general international law, Dr. Marciniak has always dealt with matters concerning the law of the sea and advised the Polish government on a wide range of issues related to the application and interpretation of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). In particular, he has negotiated a bilateral delimitation agreement on behalf of Poland, as well as advised on the implementation of and amendments to the Polish Act on Maritime Zones. This legislation concerned, among other matters, setting Polish baselines, establishing the Polish Contiguous Zone, and devising a regime on marine scientific research and laying submarine cables and pipelines.

Dr. Marciniak has also demonstrated deep knowledge and broad experience on multilateral processes concerning UNCLOS, since he has represented or advised Poland in its relations with all institutions established under the Convention (including the ITLOS, ISA, CLCS and SPLOS) and at other relevant UN processes (in particular, the annual UNGA resolutions on “Oceans and the law of the sea”). He also chaired the EU Working Party on the Law of the Sea (COMAR) in 2011. Dr. Marciniak is a recognised expert in the ongoing negotiations on biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), a process in which he has actively participated since 2007, and now sits on the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Conference.

Dr. Marciniak's professional achievements are complemented by his academic career, which has also focused on the law of the sea. In addition to his Ph.D. thesis, Dr. Marciniak has authored many publications covering a wide array of issues involving the law of the sea and has extensive teaching experience, including as a regular lecturer for the Nippon Foundation's capacity-building and training fellowship programme at ITLOS.

The Government of Poland is confident that Dr. Marciniak's professional and academic expertise make him a suitable candidate for a judgeship at ITLOS.

Mata Prates, Carlos Alberto (Uruguay)

Ambassador Carlos Mata is a Doctor of Law and Social Sciences graduated from the University of the Republic of Uruguay (UDELAR) and Master of Science in Legislation and Political Governance from the University of Pisa, Italy.

He is Chairman of International Public Law Department at the Catholic University of Uruguay (UCU) and the Latin American Center for Human Economy (CLAEH), and Associate Professor of Administrative Law at the University of the Republic of Uruguay (UDELAR).

Ambassador Mata is also a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA-The Hague), a member of the International Court of Arbitration for the Salto Grande Mixed Technical Commission, and a Conciliator to the International Center for Settlements of Investment Disputes (ICSID) of the World Bank. Additionally, Ambassador Mata was a member and Vice-chair of the Inter-American Juridical Committee of the Organization of American States (OAS) from 2012 to 2019.

Ambassador Mata has extensive experience as Uruguayan delegate, legal counsel and arbitrator in several international commissions in the fluvial and maritime field, such as the Administrative Commission of the River Uruguay (CARU), Administrative Commission of the River Plate (CARP) and was President and Vice-President of the Uruguayan Delegation before the Joint Technical Commission for the Maritime Front (CTMFM). He was also President of the Uruguayan Delegation of the Technical Commission in charge of the demarcation of the limits of the River Uruguay. He is also former Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Convention on the Law of the Sea (UN) from 2019 to 2020.

Regarding his participation in international negotiation processes, Ambassador Mata chaired the Uruguayan Delegation before the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) in 2016, where Uruguay obtained a favorable recommendation to establish the outer limit of the continental shelf beyond two hundred nautical miles.

In 2019, he chaired the Uruguayan delegation that negotiated the demarcation of the lateral limit of the expanded continental shelf between Uruguay and Brazil, and was part of the Uruguayan team before the International Court of Justice in the lawsuit with Argentina over the pulp mills on the River Uruguay, as well as in the application of the ruling in 2010. He was part of the Uruguayan team before ICSID in the arbitration between the tobacco industry Philip Morris vs. Uruguay, and before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Currently, he represents Uruguay in the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) within the framework of the UN.

Rhee, Zha Hyoung (Republic of Korea)

Education

1988	LL.B. at College of Law, Seoul National University (SNU), Korea
1999	LL.M. in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, University of Utah, U.S.
2000	LL.M. at Harvard Law School, U.S.
2001	Private International Law Course, Hague Academy of International Law, Netherlands

Diplomatic Career

1996	Joined the Foreign Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2010–2012	Counsellor, Korean Embassy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands
2013–2015	Director for International Legal Affairs
2015–2018	Chief of the Legal Team, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.
2018–2020	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
2020–present	Director-General for International Legal Affairs

Professional Legal Experience

1997–1998	Officer in charge of Korea's WTO panel proceedings
2010–2012	Officer in charge of ICJ, ICC and ICTY affairs
2013	Head of delegation to the annual meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
2013–2015	Board member of the Korean Society of International Law (KSIL) and the Korea International Law Review (KILR)
2014	Head of delegation to the ATCM
2015–2017	Head of delegation to annual SPLOS meeting
2016	Head of delegation to the Resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement
2016–2017	Head of delegation to the BBNJ PrepComs
2021–2022	Head of delegation to the director-general level negotiations on maritime boundary delimitation between Korea and China
2022	Head of delegation to the ATCM, the SPLOS meeting, the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference
2022–present	Board member of KSIL and KILR

Selected Academic Activities

Rhee, Zha Hyoung. 2000. "Toward a Fairer WTO Dispute Settlement Procedure". *Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security Review* 8(2): 81-111.

Rhee, Zha Hyoung. 2002. “Negotiations on and Possible Korean Contributions to the Draft International Convention Against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings”. *MOFA Quarterly Journal of International Law Issues and Practices* 1(1): 85-96.

Presentation on “Analysis of Recent Maritime Issues and Policy Suggestions” at the Fourth 2013 Ocean Policy Seminar, co-hosted by the Sea Lanes of Communications Study Group-Korea, the Korea Institute for Maritime Strategy and the Korea Maritime Institute in December 2013

Presentation on “Enforcing Judgments & Decisions of ICJ” at the 2014 SNU Law Research Institute International Conference in November 2014

Speech on “Polishing the Diamond: State of the Seas of the Republic of Korea” at a side event of the 15th Meeting of UN-Oceans in June 2016

Keynote speech on “Way Forward in UN BBNJ Negotiations and Korea’s Role” at the Fourth Academic Conference of International Environmental Law and Policy Association in April 2022

Special lectures on “Exclusive Economic Zones,” “Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities” and “State Responsibilities” as part of the diplomatic training course at the Korea National Diplomatic Academy in 2013–2015 and 2021–2022

Savadogo, Louis (Burkina Faso)

Mr. Savadogo enjoys the highest reputation for fairness and integrity and is of recognized competence in the field of the law of the sea and international dispute settlement.

Mr. Savadogo holds a Ph.D. in public international law (with a specialization in the law of the sea) and accreditation to supervise research (*habilitation à diriger des recherches* (HDR), the highest qualification in the French university system) from the University Panthéon Sorbonne Paris 1. He also holds a post-Master's degree (*Diplôme d'études approfondies* (DEA)) in Political Science from the University Panthéon Assas Paris 2 – Institute of Political Studies of Paris (IEP) and a bachelor's degree (*Licence*) in Spanish Language and Civilization from the University of Nanterre, Paris 10.

Mr. Savadogo is both an academic and a practitioner. He is an Adjunct Professor of Public Law at the University Panthéon Sorbonne Paris 1 and at the University of Cergy-Pontoise. He primarily teaches general public international law, law of the sea and international dispute settlement. With more than 20 years of experience as a Legal Officer within the Registry of ITLOS, Mr. Savadogo possesses extensive institutional memory as well as in-depth knowledge of the Tribunal's judicial practice and activity.

Mr. Savadogo is a member of the United Nations International Law Commission (ICL) and has authored several scientific papers that have been published in authoritative journals.

The Government of Burkina Faso is confident that Mr. Savadogo, if elected, will put his legal experience and commitment to the law to serving the Tribunal.
