

OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY
THE BRAZILIAN ACADEMY OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW IN SUPPORT OF
PROFESSOR MARCELO KOHEN'S
CANDIDACY FOR THE ELECTION TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Pursuant to the rules laid down in the UN Charter and the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council will elect five judges for the International Court of Justice next year. One of the judges will represent Latin America and the Caribbean Region.

It is an honor to the Brazilian Academy of International Law to support the candidacy of Professor Marcelo Kohen for the position of judge of the International Court of Justice.

Professor Kohen is an Argentinian citizen and one of the leading researchers and professionals in contemporary International Law. All those who know Professor Kohen can testify to his scientific and professional integrity, always guided by principles of impartiality and commitment to the jurisdictional force of International Law. He will undoubtedly employ such qualities when exercising his function as a judge of the International Court of Justice.

Professor Kohen's life history is distinguished by his unceasing commitment to promoting and strengthening International Law. He is one of the founders of the Latin American Society of International Law, a member of the *Institut de Droit International* and has served as its Secretary-General since 2015.

At the *Institut de Droit International*, Professor Kohen was a Rapporteur on State succession and international State responsibility and Co-Rapporteur on questions relating to State Succession at the International Law Association and Co-Rapporteur appointed by the Committee of Legal Advisers of the Council of Europe to produce a report regarding State Immunity.

Professor Kohen's work focuses on both the theory and practice of the peaceful settlement of international disputes. In this regard, Professor Kohen has had the opportunity to act in more than ten cases before the International Court of Justice in both litigation and advisory capacities. The quality of his work has been recognized by the International Court of Justice, which has invited Professor Kohen to participate in academic events organized by the Court on several occasions. Professor Kohen has also had the opportunity to act as an arbitrator before almost twenty international tribunals.

In addition to dispute settlement, Professor Kohen is versed in different subjects of importance to the International Court of Justice, such as territorial disputes, the environment, the interpretation, and application of the sources of International Law, the immunity and responsibility of States, as well as the jurisdiction of international courts.

Professor Kohen is not only well versed in the practical and procedural aspects of International Law but is also an accomplished theorist, having authored several books and over one hundred scientific papers and book chapters on International Law. Likewise, throughout his career as a professor, he has had the opportunity to participate in hundreds of academic activities in several continents of the world.

He has also contributed to the Academy of International Law in The Hague and to the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law and Codification Division of the United Nations. His qualities as a scientist are also shown through his exceptional performance in the scientific council of several high-impact scientific journals and his position as co-editor of the *Annuaire de l'Institut de Droit International*.

Certainly, the choice of Professor Kohen to serve as a judge of the International Court of Justice will contribute to the excellence of the International Court of Justice as one of the leading entities for the protection and advancement of the rule of law in the globe.

Sincerely,



Professor Wagner Menezes
President of the Brazilian Academy of International Law