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Dr. Bogdan Aurescu is Full Professor of International Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest. He has a broad experience in the field of International Law, with both wide academic practice and direct involvement in implementing International Law, as a seasoned career diplomat, including during his second mandate as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, a position he holds since November 2019.

Professor Bogdan Aurescu is currently a member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations, for the 2017-2022 mandate, in this capacity substantially contributing to its body of work. He was among the promoters of the inclusion of the topic of “Sea-level rise in relation to international law” on the agenda of the Commission, currently acting as co-chair of the Study Group of the Commission on this topic. During the current session of the Commission, Dr. Aurescu, as co-chair of the Study Group on the “Sea level rise in relation to international law”, has elaborated (together with the other co-chair, Mrs. Nilufer Oral) the First Issues Paper on the topic, focusing on the Law of the Sea related issues.

Throughout his 22-year academic career, Professor Aurescu has been teaching Public International Law and other disciplines pertaining to the international legal sphere within the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest and other prestigious national and international academic institutions. He is a member of various editorial boards and scientific councils of Journals of international law, author, co-author, editor and co-editor of 19 books in the field of international law, as well as of numerous articles, studies and book reviews. Currently, he is the editor-in-chief of the *Romanian Journal of International Law*.

Professor Aurescu has a solid track record as public international law expert. Since 2002, Professor Aurescu has been a substitute member (independent legal expert) of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (the *Venice Commission*) of the Council of Europe, acting as a rapporteur or co-rapporteur for 30 reports, opinions or studies of this body, covering key topics for the international legal community, including

inter alia the protection of persons belonging to minorities and the respect for human rights in occupied territories, the protection of the freedom of assembly, the issue of the excessive length of judicial proceedings, the issue of the democratic control of armed forces.

Dr. Aurescu is the president of the Romanian Branch of the *International Law Association* (London) and president of the International Law Section of the Romanian Association of International Law and International Relations (since 2003). He is also member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (since 2002) and arbitrator designated by Romania according to article 2 of Annex VII to the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea (since 2009).

In addition to his academic record and his work as public international law expert, Prof. Dr. Aurescu has an extensive diplomatic career, holding the diplomatic rank of ambassador and exercising his second mandate as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania since November 2019, after holding the same position between 2014 and 2015. From 2016 to 2019, Prof. Dr. Bogdan Aurescu served as Presidential Advisor for Foreign Policy to the President of Romania.

Throughout his career within the Romanian diplomatic service, which started at the International Law and Treaties Directorate (in 1996), Professor Aurescu held various positions that required active involvement in the complex process of International Law implementation, including Deputy Director of the Legal and Treaties Directorate (1999), Director of the International Law and Treaties Directorate (2000-2001), Director General for Legal Affairs (2001-2003) – as Legal Advisor of the Romanian MFA. Between 2000 and 2003 he was the head of the Romanian delegation to the Sixth Committee of the UNGA and to the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law of the Council of Europe (CAHDI).

In June 2015, during his first mandate as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, 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 72nd State to take such step.

Dr. Aureescu was the *Romanian Agent for the European Court of Human Rights* (2003-2004) and the *Romanian Agent before the International Court of Justice* (2004-2009), in the *Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea* case, finalized on 3 February 2009.