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Professor of International Law, Athens University (1970), Greece; Emeritus Professor (2000); President (2005) and Member (since 1997) of the Academy of Athens, Chair of Public International Law; First Vice President (2007) and Member of the Institute of International Law (1993); Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration (2001); United Nations International Law Commission (1985-1991), United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1983-1985). Elected in 2005 by the 46 Member States of the Council of Europe in a small “Group of Wise Persons” with the mandate to make proposals for the future of the European Court of Human Rights.

Appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations “Independent Jurist for Western Sahara” (1993-1999).

Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (1983-1985); Group of Experts of the European Union for Central America (1992-1999); Group of Experts of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe for the Balkans (1991-1992); Unesco International Bioethics Committee (1994-2003).

In the Council of Europe, Member and twice Member of the Bureau of the Steering Committee on Human Rights (CDDH) since 1979; Member of various expert committees and observer of the CDDH in the Steering Committee on Bioethics (1993-2005). Rapporteur of the Council of Europe’s Seminar on Human Rights and Terrorism (2005).

Member of the Supreme Court of article 100 of the Constitution of Greece (1992-1995) and of the Court of the Judiciary (1991-1993). Member of the Greek delegation in the General Assembly of the United Nations (1980-1999) and in a number of diplomatic conferences, in particular the Diplomatic Conference on Humanitarian Law (1974-1977), the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes) and the World Conferences against Racism and Racial Discrimination.

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Lectured at the Universities of Athens, Thessaloniki, Paris I, X and XIII; University College, London; Universities of Aix-en-Provence, Bordeaux and Rouen; Universities of San Sebastian and Castellón. Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales (Paris). The Hague Academy of International Law (1987, 1997); In 2008 at the Universities of Baltimore, Berkeley, City University of New York, Yale, Virginia.

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