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Press Release

RESIGNATION OF REGISTRAR PHILIPPE GAUTIER

Mr Philippe Gautier, Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, has announced his resignation from the Tribunal after 22 years of service. Mr Gautier served first as Deputy Registrar from 1997 to 2001 and then as Registrar from 2001. Mr Gautier has been elected Registrar of the International Court of Justice (The Hague) on 22 May 2019. He will leave the Tribunal on 31 July 2019.



Mr Gautier, a Belgian national, began his career in the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he was Deputy Director, Head of the Law of the Sea/Antarctica Office from 1991 to 1995, and Director, Head of the Treaties Division, from 1995 to 1997. He was elected Deputy Registrar by the Tribunal in 1997 and as Registrar in 2001. Mr Gautier was re-elected to the position in 2006, 2011 and 2016 and has played an important role in the organization of the Registry during the past 22 years. The Registrar is responsible among other things for the legal and administrative work of the Registry, the assessment and collection of contributions, and the administration of the accounts and finances of the Tribunal.

Mr Gautier is also professor at the *Université catholique de Louvain* and a visiting professor at various other universities, where he lectures on several aspects

of international law, in particular procedural law and the law of the sea. He is the author of a number of publications, inter alia, on the settlement of disputes, the law of the sea and environmental law.

The Tribunal will take steps to elect a new Registrar as early as possible. A vacancy announcement will be issued shortly.

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