
Prior to his election as the Registrar, Mr. Gautier served as the Deputy Registrar of the Tribunal from 1997 to 2001. He began his career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium (1984-1997) where he served as Head of the Treaties Division (1995-1997) and as Head of the Law of the Sea Office (1991-1995). He is Visiting Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Tribunal, the Registrar of the Tribunal is elected from among candidates nominated by the judges of the Tribunal. Mr. Gautier will serve as Registrar for a term of 5 years.

The functions of the Registrar are defined by article 36 of the Rules of the Tribunal. The Registrar assists the Tribunal in the exercise of its judicial function and he is responsible for all departments of the Registry.

Mr. Gautier’s biography is given below.

Philippe Gautier