



# François Alabrune

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Candidate for the  
International Court of Justice  
with the support of France  
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# My experience in the field of International Law

## ► A long-standing practice of legal counsel in the field of International Law

From 1988 to 2022, I held many advisory positions in the field of International Law, particularly as legal adviser of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. This experience stands me in good stead for the role of an international judge. I have been required to interpret the law on the basis of concrete situations, focusing particular attention on precedents, collegiality and the confidentiality of deliberations, as well as the proper understanding of international realities.

## ► Wide-ranging experience in contentious proceedings

I have taken part in a large number of contentious proceedings as an agent and co-agent, before the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the European Union, arbitral tribunals and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. My wide-ranging experience has enabled me to understand the requirements for the role of international judge, the issues at stake in the proper functioning of these courts and the importance of dialogue between them.

## ► Comprehensive negotiation experience

Over the past 35 years, I have taken part in the negotiation of several multilateral and bilateral treaties, as well as many resolutions and declarations, in various fields. Through this

experience, I gained a thorough understanding of the tools used by judges for the interpretation and application of International Law and to reach collegial decisions.

## ► Concrete knowledge of the United Nations and other international organisations

I have been working on legal issues related to the United Nations activity since 1988, particularly as a legal adviser at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations. I also have experience in the way thematic and/or regional organisations work, including the OPCW, OSCE, European Union and the Council of Europe.

## ► Commitment to International Law as Ambassador in The Hague

I participate in proceedings before the International Court of Justice, contribute to activities of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, cooperate with several international criminal courts and support the other international legal institutions based in The Hague.

## ► A nomination compliant with the Court's Statute

My candidature was chosen by the French national group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, following consultation of the French supreme courts and many universities.

# My vision for the International Court of Justice

## ► A Court useful to the international community

The capacity of the Court to serve the International Community depends on the quality of its case law. The Court interprets International Law in a rigorous, independent and transparent manner, taking into account the reality of relations between sovereign States. It respects the consent of States for contentious jurisdiction. It is attentive to the expectations of States and the needs of the international society.

## ► An efficient Court

The increased work load of the Court requires an appropriate budget and suitable working methods. The ability of the Court to respond to requests in a timely manner must be maintained. This may lead to evolutions of the Rules of Court and practices, in accordance with the needs of States and the international justice system. Dialogue with other courts is important.



## ► A Court complementary to other United Nations bodies

The International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. Its activity, its resources, its composition and the effect given to its judgments and advisory opinions form part of the overall United Nations system. The Court assists the other United Nations bodies, including the Security Council and General Assembly, through its advisory opinions. Their dialogue and interaction, therefore, are crucial.

## ► A Court whose legal and linguistic diversity strengthens its legitimacy

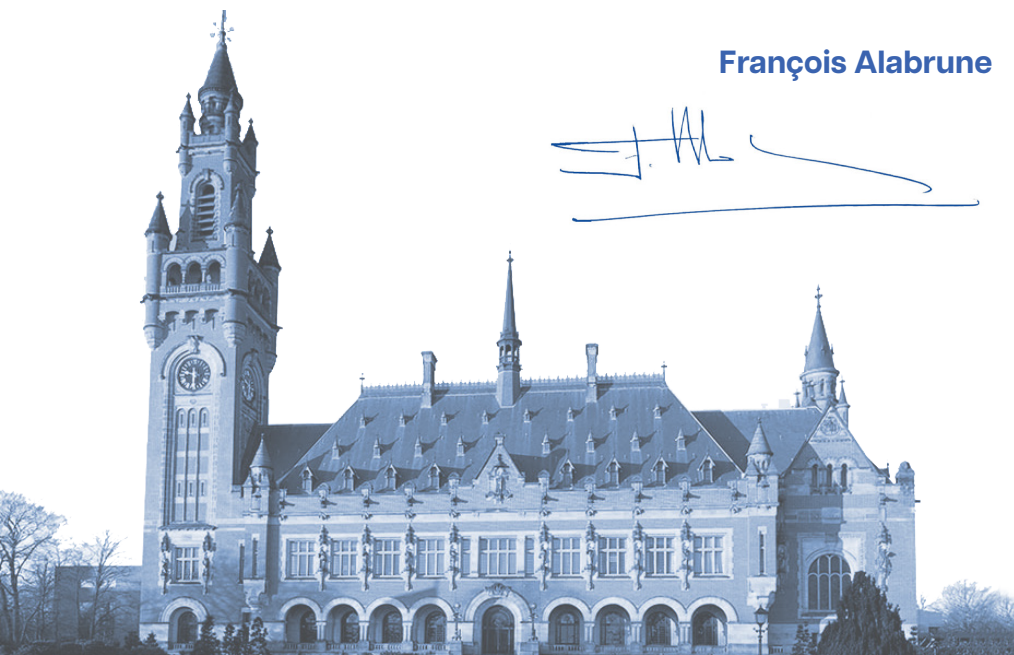
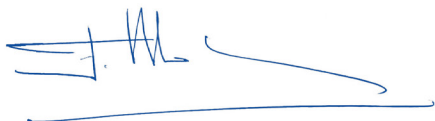
The world's main legal systems must be represented within the Court. Bilingualism contributes to the quality of the decisions of the Court, which must be able to operate effectively in its two official languages, French and English. The use of other official languages of the United Nations should be facilitated when it comes to participation in proceedings and dissemination of decisions.

# My commitments: independence, diversity, rigor

If I am elected, I commit to being:

- ▶ an **independent** judge, listening to all States and attentive to the contemporary needs of the international society;
- ▶ a judge committed to legal and linguistic **diversity** within the Court;
- ▶ a judge attentive to the **rigor** of case-law, the **efficiency** of procedures, **collegiality** within the Court, as well as **dialogue** with other courts.

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