



François Alabruné

Candidate for the International
Court of Justice backed by
France

2027 > 2036

My experience working in international law

► Extensive international law consulting

From 1988 to 2022, I completed many consulting assignments in international law, particularly while working as a legal consultant at the French Foreign Ministry. Consulting prepared me to become a judge, a job that requires interpreting the law on the basis of concrete situations, while keeping in mind precedents, collegial administration, the confidentiality of deliberations, and the proper understanding of international realities.

► Wide-ranging experience in disputes

I have taken part in a large number of dispute proceedings as an official or co-official, before the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the European Union, courts of arbitration and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Thanks to my wide-ranging experience, I understand the demands of being a judge, the issues relating to the smooth running of these courts and the importance of dialogue between them.

► Extensive negotiation experience

Over the past 35 years, I have helped to negotiate several multilateral and bilateral treaties, many resolutions and declarations in various fields. In doing so, I was able to master the tools used by judges for the interpretation and application of international law and collegial decision-making.

► Concrete knowledge of the United Nations and other international organizations

I have been working on legal issues related to United Nations activity since 1988, particularly while working as a legal adviser in the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations. I have experience in how thematic and/or regional organizations work, including the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the European Union and the Council of Europe.

► Engagement as an ambassador to The Hague

I am very familiar with the activities and operation of the International Court of Justice. I contribute to activities of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, cooperate with several international criminal courts and provide support to other international judicial institutions in The Hague.

► A choice in line with the Statute of the International Court of Justice

My candidacy was chosen by the French Group at the Permanent Court of Arbitration, presided by the French Judge at the International Court of Justice, following consultation with supreme courts and many universities in France.

My vision of the International Court of Justice

► A court serving the international community

The Court has become very useful thanks to 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 States' consent to its jurisdiction in disputes. It is attentive to States' expectations and the international society's needs.

► An efficient Court

The increased work load of the Court requires an appropriate budget and adapted work methods. The Court's ability to respond to requests in reasonable timeframes needs to be maintained. This may mean changing the Rules of Court and practices according to the needs of States and the international justice system. Dialogue with other courts is important.



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► A complementary Court to other United Nations bodies

The International Court of Justice is the main judicial body of the United Nations. Its activity, its resources, its composition and the effect given to its judgments and opinions are in line with the United Nations system overall. The Court provides insight into 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 should be represented within the Court. Bilingualism contributes to the quality of the decisions handed down by the Court, which should be able to operate smoothly 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. I am honoured that the International Organisation of La Francophonie, as well as its Member States and Governments, supported my candidacy at the 46th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie held in Kigali in November 2025.

My commitments to independence, diversity and precision

If I am elected, I commit to being:

- ▶ An **independent** judge **dedicated to attending** to all States, and meeting the international community's needs;
- ▶ A judge committed to **legal and linguistic diversity** within the Court;
- ▶ A judge focused on the **precision** of case law, the **effectiveness** of trials, the **importance of working together** within the Court and **dialogue** with other courts.

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