

Judge Ronny ABRAHAM

(Member of the International Court of Justice since 2005; President of the Court (2015-2018))

Ronny Abraham, of French nationality, is a Member of the International Court of Justice since 15 February 2005. He was re-elected as from 6 February 2009 and as from 6 February 2018. He was President of the Court from 6 February 2015 to 6 February 2018.

Ronny Abraham was born in Alexandria, Egypt, on 5 September 1951.

He holds a diploma in Advanced Studies in Public Law (*Diplôme d'études supérieures de droit public*) from the University of Paris I (1974), a diploma of the *Institut d'études politiques* of Paris (1973) and is an alumnus of the *Ecole nationale d'administration* (1976-1978).

He was Professor of international law at the *Institut d'études politiques* of Paris (until 1998), Associate Professor at the University of Paris X-Nanterre from 1997 to 2003, and Associate Professor at the University of Paris II, Panthéon-Assas (public international law, human rights) from 2004 to 2005.

Ronny Abraham held the position of judge sitting in the French administrative courts from 1978 to 1985 and from 1987 to 1988. From 1986 to 1987, he was Assistant Director of the Office of Legal Affairs of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Furthermore, he was *Maître des requêtes* in the *Conseil d'Etat* from 1988 to 2000, *Conseiller d'Etat* from 2000, and *Commissaire du gouvernement* (advocate general) before the judicial organs of the *Conseil d'Etat* from 1989 to 1998.

From 1998 to 2005, Ronny Abraham has been the Director of Legal Affairs (legal adviser) at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of advising the Government on legal matters in the fields of general international public law, European Union law, international human rights law and the law of the sea.

From 1998 to 2004, he was appointed as Agent for France in many cases before international and European courts: International Court of Justice; European Court of Human Rights; Court of Justice of the European Communities; international arbitral tribunals.

Judge Abraham has been Member and Chair of the Committee of Experts of the Council of Europe for the Improvement of Procedures for the Protection of Human Rights (Member from 1986 to 1998; Chairman from 1987 to 1989). He was also Chair of the Joint Consultative Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development from 1994 to 1998.

From 1998 to 2004, he was Member of the French delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations as well as Head of the French delegation to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly.

In 2002, 2003 and 2004, Judge Abraham was Head of the French delegation to the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and Head of the French delegation in the Working Group on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property in 2004. He was also Head of the French delegation to the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine from 1998 to 2005, and Chairman of the Commission from 2002 to 2003.

He has also been an arbitrator in the framework of the ICSID Convention proceedings, and a judge *ad hoc* at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Judge Abraham is Member of the Board of Editors of the *Annuaire français de droit international*.

He produced several publications including: *Droit international, droit communautaire et droit français* (1989); "*Les magistrats des tribunaux administratifs et des cours administratives d'appel*", *Revue française de droit administratif (RFDA)* (1988), March-April, No. 2; "*Compétence des juridictions internes pour interpréter un traité international*", *Actualité juridique droit administratif* (September 1990); *Revue générale de droit international public*, (1990); "*La notion d'effet direct des traités internationaux devant le Conseil d'Etat*", *Recueil Dalloz* (1998), jurisprudence; "*Les normes du droit communautaire et du droit international devant le juge administratif français*", presented at the Symposium of the *Société française pour le droit international* held in Bordeaux, ed. Pedone, Paris, 2000; "*Les procédures incidentes devant la Cour internationale de Justice*", presented at a workshop of the School of Law of the University of Rennes I, ed. Pedone, Paris, 2001; "*La France devant les juridictions européennes*", *Pouvoirs*, 2001, No. 96; "*Le rôle du juriconsulte au Ministère des affaires étrangères*", presented at the symposium of the *Société française pour le droit international* held in Geneva, ed. Pedone, Paris, 2004; "*Le principe du contradictoire devant les juridictions internationales*", presented at the symposium organized by the University of Paris I, ed. Pedone, 2004; "*La Cour internationale de Justice, juge constitutionnel?*", in *La Charte des Nations Unies, Constitution mondiale?*, symposium organized by the University of Paris X, ed. Pedone, Paris, 2006; "*L'application des traités internationaux et l'office du juge des référés administratifs*", *Mélanges Labetoulle*, ed. Dalloz, Paris, 2007; "*L'articulation du droit interne et du droit international*", *La France et le droit international*, G. Cahin, F. Poirat, S. Szurek (dir.), ed. Pedone, Paris, 2007; "*The Effects of International Legal Obligations in Domestic Law in Light of*

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