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United Nations General Assembly and Security Council elect Ms Hilary Charlesworth as Member of the Court

THE HAGUE, 5 November 2021. The General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations today elected Ms Hilary Charlesworth as a Member of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), with immediate effect.

Of Australian nationality, Ms Charlesworth succeeds the late Judge James Richard Crawford, who passed away on 31 May 2021 (see [press release No. 2021/17](#)). Pursuant to Article 15 of the Statute of the Court, Ms Charlesworth will hold office for the remainder of Mr. Crawford's term, which was due to expire on 5 February 2024.

Ms Charlesworth's biography is annexed to this press release.

Photographs taken of the election in the General Assembly and the Security Council will be available on the [United Nations website](#).

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Composition of the Court

Following the election held on 5 November 2021 by the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, the composition of the Court is as follows:

President	Joan E. Donoghue (United States of America)
Vice-President	Kirill Gevorgian (Russian Federation)
Judges	Peter Tomka (Slovakia)
	Ronny Abraham (France)
	Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco)
	Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade (Brazil)
	Abdulqawi A. Yusuf (Somalia)
	Xue Hanqin (China)
	Julia Sebutinde (Uganda)
	Dalveer Bhandari (India)
	Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica)
	Nawaf Salam (Lebanon)

Iwasawa Yuji (Japan)
Georg Nolte (Germany)
Hilary Charlesworth (Australia)

For more information on the composition of the Court, the way in which candidates are nominated and the election procedure, please refer to [press release No. 2020/33](#).

Note: The Court's press releases are prepared by its Registry for information purposes only and do not constitute official documents.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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Annex

Curricula vitae*

Charlesworth, Hilary (Australia)

Born 28 February 1955, Leuven, Belgium (Australian citizen)

Education

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| 1986 | Doctor of Juridical Science, Harvard Law School |
| 1980 | B.A. (Hons); LL.B. (Hons), University of Melbourne |

Professional Qualifications

Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of Victoria (admitted 1981)

Current Positions

Harrison Moore Chair in Law, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne (2021–)

Melbourne Laureate Professor, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne (2016–)

Distinguished Professor, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University (2010–)

Judge *ad hoc* of the International Court of Justice in the Arbitral Award of 3 October 1899 (Guyana v Venezuela) case (2019–)

Previous Positions

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| 2010–2015 | Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University |
| 2011–2014 | Judge <i>ad hoc</i> of the International Court of Justice in the Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v Japan) case |
| 2008–2010 | Director, School of Regulation, Justice and Diplomacy, Australian National University |
| 2005–2019 | Director, Centre for International Governance and Justice, Australian National University |
| 2005–2010 | Australian Research Council Federation Fellow, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University |
| 2004–2016 | Professor, Regulatory Institutions Network, College of Asia and the Pacific and Professor of International Law and Human Rights, College of Law Australian National University |
| 1998–2004 | Professor and Director of the Centre for International and Public Law, Faculty of Law, Australian National University |
| 1994–1999 | Hearing Commissioner, Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission |

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

1993–1996	John Bray Professor, Law School, University of Adelaide
1993–1994	Commissioner (part-time), Australian Law Reform Commission
1990–1992	Senior Lecturer, Law School, University of Melbourne
1987–1990	Lecturer, Law School, University of Melbourne
1985–1986	Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell, New York
1983	Human Rights Fellow, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva (June to September)
1981–1982	Associate to Justice Ninian Stephen, High Court of Australia
1980	Articled Clerk, Gillotts, Melbourne
1976	Teacher, Mayo College, Ajmer, India

Visiting Appointments

2017	JC Smith Distinguished Visitor, University of Nottingham Law Faculty (March)
2014	Shimizu Visiting Professor, London School of Economics (October)
2013	Kate Roseman Distinguished Professor, Albany Law School (April)
2012	James J. Coleman, Sr. Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Tulane Law School (October to November)
2009	Visiting Professor, UCLA Law School (January to February)
2007	Visiting Professor, Université de Paris (Paris I) (November)
2005	Sir Ninian Stephen Fellow, Asia-Pacific Centre for Military Law, University of Melbourne
2005	Wayne Morse Professor, University of Oregon (January to February)
2002	Member, Global Law Faculty, New York University
2001	Manley O Hudson Visiting Professor of International Law, Harvard Law School (August to December)
1999	Frances Lewis Scholar in Residence, Washington and Lee Law School, Lexington, Virginia
1984	Adjunct Professor, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston
1984	Lecturer, College of Law, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Visiting Lecturer

July 2019	Hague Academy of International Law (General Course)
June 2015	Academy of European Law, European University Institute
May 2011	Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School Summer School
August 2010	Hague Academy of International Law (Special Course)

- June 2005 University of Otago, Dunedin, International Relations Winter School
- September 2004 Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, International Law Summer School
- 2003–2005 Defence and Strategic Studies Course, Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Australian Defence College
- August 1999 University of Helsinki International Law Summer School

Selected Awards and Fellowships

- 2021 Distinguished Scholar Award, International Law Section, International Studies Association
- 2016 Doctorate, Honoris Causa Faculté de Droit et de Criminologie, Université Catholique de Louvain
- 2014 Life Membership, Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law
- 2011 Associate Member, Institut de Droit International
- 2011 Rockefeller Center Bellagio Residency
- 2010 Australian Research Council Laureate Fellowship (2010–2015)
- 2007 Member of the Order of Australia
- 2006 Goler T Butcher Medal awarded by the American Society of International Law for ‘outstanding contributions to the development or effective realization of international human rights law’ (with CM Chinkin)
- 2005 Australian Research Council Federation Fellowship (2005–2010)
- 2002 Fellow, Academy of Social Sciences in Australia
- 2001 Annual Book Prize of the American Society of International Law for ‘preeminent contribution to creative scholarship’ for *The Boundaries of International Law* (with CM Chinkin)
- 1992 Francis Déak Prize, American Society of International Law (co-winner)
- 1982– Fulbright Scholarship, Frank Knox Memorial Harvard Scholarship, R.G. Menzies
- 1985 Scholarship to Harvard
- 1983 Harvard Human Rights Fellowship
- 1972 Italian Government Scholarship, Università per Stranieri, Perugia, Italy

Current Editorial Positions

- Honorary Editor, *American Journal of International Law* (2021–)
- Member, Editorial Board, *Law and Practice of International Courts & Tribunals* (2021–)
- Member, Advisory Board, *Third World Approaches to International Law Review* (2019–)

Member, Advisory Board, Australian Year Book of International Law (2017–)
Advisory Editor, London Review of International Law (2013–)
Member, Editorial Board, Humanity (2012–)
Member, Editorial Board, Asian Journal of International Law (2010–)
Member, International Board of Advisers, City University of Hong Kong Law Review (2009–)
Member, Advisory Board, Australian Feminist Law Journal (1993–)
Advisory Editor, Leiden Journal of International Law (2000–)
Member, Honorary Advisory Board, Melbourne Journal of International Law (2000–)
Member, Advisory Board, New Zealand Journal of Public and International Law (2003–)

Selected Professional and Community Activities

Chair, Advisory Board, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness (2020–)
Chair, Awards Committee, Asian Society of International Law (2018–)
Member, Curatorium, Hague Academy of International Law (2018–)
Co-ordinating Lead Author on International Institutions, International Panel on Social Progress (2015–2018)
Member, Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board (2012–2014)
Member, Academic Council, Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (2009–)
Member, Australian Group, Permanent Court of Arbitration (2009–2020)
Member, Executive Council, Asian Society of International Law (2009–2011, 2015–2017)
Member, Advisory Council, Center on Law and Globalization, American Bar Foundation and University of Illinois College of Law (2008–2015)
Member, Gender Justice Advisory Council, The Hague (2003–)
Member, International Advisory Board, MIT Program on Human Rights and Justice (2002–)
Counsellor, American Society of International Law (2000–2005)
Member, International Law Association Committee on Gender and International Law (1993–2011)
President, Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law (1998–2002)

Selected Publications

Books and Monographs

Charlesworth, H. 2015, *Democracy in International Law* The Hague: Hague Academy of International Law (371 *Recueil des Cours* pp. 53–152)
Charlesworth, H. 2013, *Sexe, Genre et Droit International* Paris: A. Pedone (French translation of a series of articles published 1993–2009), with introduction by Stephanie Henneville-Vaucher
Braithwaite, J., Charlesworth, H. & Soares A. 2012, *Networked Governance of Freedom and Tyranny: Peace in Timor-Leste* Canberra: ANU E Press

Braithwaite, J., Dinnen, S., Allen, M., Braithwaite, V. & Charlesworth, H. 2010, *Pillars and Shadows: Statebuilding as Peacebuilding in Solomon Islands* Canberra: ANU E Press

Braithwaite, J., Charlesworth, H., Reddy, P. & Dunn, L. 2010, *Reconciliation and Architectures of Commitment: Sequencing Peace in Bougainville* Canberra: ANU E Press

Weston, B., Falk, R.A., Charlesworth, H. & Strauss, A.L. 2006, *International Law and World Order* 4th edn, Minneapolis: West Publishing Co.

Charlesworth H. & Chinkin C. 2000, *The Boundaries of International Law* Manchester: Manchester University Press (Winner, American Society of International Law Certificate of Merit 2001 for ‘preeminent contribution to creative scholarship’; translated into Japanese 2005)

Weston, B., Falk, R.A. & Charlesworth, H. 1997, *International Law and World Order* 3rd edn, Minneapolis: West Publishing Co.

Edited Books

Farrall J. & Charlesworth, H. eds 2016, *Strengthening the Rule of Law through the UN Security Council* Oxford & New York: Routledge

Charlesworth, H. & Larking E. eds 2014, *Human Rights and the Universal Periodic Review: Rituals and Ritualism* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Charlesworth, H. & Coicaud, J. eds 2010, *Fault Lines of International Legitimacy* New York: Cambridge University Press

Bowden, B., Charlesworth H., & Farrall, J. eds 2009, *The Role of International Law in Rebuilding Societies after Conflict: Great Expectations* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Charlesworth, H., & Donovan, D.F. eds 2006, *Proceedings of the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law: A Just World Under Law* Washington DC: ASIL

Charlesworth, H., Chiam, M., Hovell, D. & Williams, G. eds 2005, *The Fluid State: International Law and National Legal Systems* Sydney: Federation Press

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- Charlesworth, H. 2003, 'Feminist Approaches to Human Rights' in *Feminist Perspectives on the New Global Order* Ewha Women's University, Seoul, pp. 97–116
- Charlesworth, H. 2002, 'Author! Author! A Response to David Kennedy' *Harvard Human Rights Law Journal* vol. 15, pp. 127–132
- Charlesworth, H. 2002, 'International Law: A Discipline of Crisis' *Modern Law Review* vol. 65, pp. 377–392
- Charlesworth, H. 2002, 'The Hidden Gender of International Law' *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal* vol. 16, pp. 93–102
- Charlesworth, H. 2000, 'The Inadequacy of "Collective Security"' *Finnish Yearbook of International Law* vol. IX, pp. 39–46
- Charlesworth, H. 2000, 'The Project of Reconfiguration: How can International Law be Reconstituted?' *Proceedings of the 94th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law* pp. 74–75
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- Charlesworth, H. 1996, 'The Significance of the Composition of the International Court of Justice' *Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law* pp. 317–325
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