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**DATABASE ON THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISER  
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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**Database on the Office of the Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

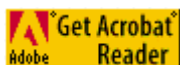
The Office of the Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (OLA) plays a vital role in international relations as it ensures the dissemination and respect of public international law at state level. In this respect, it appears in the organisational charts of Ministries of Foreign Affairs even though its name and competencies differ from one country to another. Yet, in spite of this, the public at large is generally unaware of its existence.

This state of affairs led the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) to decide in 2004 to collect state-specific information on the organisation and functions of the Office of the Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Member and observer states subsequently supplied information on the following topics:

- the title, rank and position of their Legal Adviser;
- the principal functions of their OLA;
- the staff employed by their OLA;
- the organisation and structure of their OLA;
- their OLA's place within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- their OLA's main contacts within Government;
- the relations their OLA has with lawyers in private practice, academics and legal institutions;
- a bibliography on their OLA, if available.

National contributions can be found hereafter. They are in PDF format and can be read using the free Adobe® Acrobat® Reader. If you do not have this software installed on your system, you may download it for free from Adobe's website.



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Estonia / Estonie	■	
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Italy / Italie	■	■
Latvia / Lettonie	■	
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Moldova / Moldavie		
Monaco / Monaco		
Netherlands / Pays-Bas	■	
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Portugal / Portugal	■	
Romania / Roumanie	■	
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