

Seminar on States' obligations under public international law in relation to immunity of State officials

- Bucharest, 21 September 2022 –

Venue: Palace of the Parliament, the "Avram Iancu" Room

Programme

9.00 – 9.30

Registration

Introduction:

Ms. *Alina Orosan*, Chair of the CAHDI, Director General for Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

9.30 – 10.45 Panel 1 **Status-quo**

Moderator:

Ms. *Kaija Suvanto*, Director General for Legal Affairs, Legal Service, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Speakers:

Mr. *Philippe Couvreur*, Judge *ad-hoc* former Register of the International Court of Justice

Sir *Howard Morrison*, former ICC Judge

Mr. *Jörg Polakiewicz*, Director of Legal Advice and Public International Law (Legal Adviser), Council of Europe

Topics for discussion:

Through the lens of general public international law

The criminal law perspective

The European Court of Human Rights perspective

10.45 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Panel 2 In perspective

Moderator: Mr. *Konrad Marciniak*, Director of the Legal and Treaty Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland

Speakers: Mr. *Dapo Akande*, Co-Director of the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC) at the Blavatnik School of Government/University of Oxford, Member of the United Nations International Law Commission

Mr. *Ion Gâlea*, Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, judge at the EU Court of Justice

Ms. *Concepción Escobar Hernández*, Professor of Public International Law and International Relations, Member of the International Law Commission (Special Rapporteur on Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction).

Topics for discussion: Do the geopolitical realities justify a change of the legal optic? How can the balance be fine-tuned?

Should accountability from criminal law perspective outweigh the traditional approach on immunity of State officials?

Should the International Law Commission crack the ice?

12.30 – 12.45 Conclusions

Ms. *Alina Orosan*, Chair of the CAHDI, Director General for Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

12.45 – 13.30 Lunch buffet