

Judge Ronny ABRAHAM

(Member of the Court since 15 February 2005; re-elected as from 6 February 2009; President of the Court from 6 February 2015 to 6 February 2018; re-elected as from 6 February 2018)

Born on 5 September 1951 in Alexandria, Egypt.

Diploma of the *Institut d'études politiques* of Paris (1973). *Diplôme d'études supérieures de droit public* (Diploma in Advanced Studies in Public Law), University of Paris I, (1974). Alumnus of the *Ecole nationale d'administration* (1976-1978).

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

Judge sitting in administrative courts (1978-1985 and 1987-1988). Assistant Director of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1986-1987). *Maître des requêtes* in the *Conseil d'Etat* (1988-2000), *Conseiller d'Etat* (from 2000), *Commissaire du gouvernement* (advocate general) before the judicial organs of the *Conseil d'Etat* (1989-1998).

Director of Legal Affairs at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1998-2005). From 1998 to 2005, as head of the Legal Affairs Directorate 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, the law of the sea and the Antarctic.

From 1998 to 2004, Agent for France in many cases before international and European courts, as follows:

International Court of Justice: *Legality of Use of Force (Serbia and Montenegro v. France)*; (request for indication of provisional measures, 1999, and on preliminary objections, 2004); *Certain Criminal Proceedings in France (Republic of the Congo v. France)* (request for the indication of provisional measure, 2003); *Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory* (request for an Advisory Opinion) (written statement of the French Republic, 30 January 2004);

European Court of Human Rights;

Court of Justice of the European Communities;

International arbitral tribunals: Tribunal formed by France and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) in the case concerning the tax régime applicable to pensions paid to retired Unesco officers residing in France, award issued on 14 January 2003; Tribunal formed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the French Republic in the case concerning the final settlement of accounts pursuant to the additional protocol to the convention concerning the protection of the Rhine against chlorides pollution, award issued on 12 March 2004.

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 1986-1998; Chairman 1987-1989). Chair of the Joint Consultative Committee of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (1994-1998).

Member of the French delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations (1998-2004). Head of the French delegation to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (1998-2004).

Head of the French delegation to the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (2002, 2003, 2004). Head of the French delegation in the Working Group on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property (2004). Head of the French delegation to the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (1998-2005), Chairman of the Commission (2002-03).

Member of the Board of the *Société française pour le droit international*. Member of the European Group of Public Law. Member of the Board of Editors of the *Annuaire français de droit international*.

Publications:

Droit international, droit communautaire et droit français, Hachette, 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, p. 621; *Revue générale de droit international public*, 1990, p. 882; "L'applicabilité directe de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme devant la juridiction administrative", *Revue universelle des droits de l'homme*, 1991, September, Vols. 7-9; "Les incidences de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme sur le droit constitutionnel et administratif des États parties", *Revue universelle des droits de l'homme*, 1992, Vols. 10-11; "Commentary on Articles 25 and 46 of the European Convention on Human Rights"; *La Convention européenne des droits de l'homme*, L. E. Pettiti, E. Decaux et P. H. Imbert, eds.; "La réforme du mécanisme de contrôle de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme; le Protocole no 11 à la Convention", *Annuaire français de droit international*, 1994, p. 619; "Les principes généraux de la protection juridictionnelle administrative en Europe: l'influence des jurisprudences européennes", *Revue européenne de droit public*, Vol. 9, No. 3, Autumn 1997; "La notion d'effet direct des traités internationaux devant le Conseil d'État", *Recueil Dalloz*, 1998, jurisprudence, p. 15; "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 at 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 at 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; “ Droit des immunités et exigences du procès équitable”, presented at a symposium organized by the University of Paris XII, ed. Pedone, Paris, 2004; “ La Cour internationale de Justice, juge constitutionnel?”, in *La Charte des Nations Unies, Constitution mondiale?*, colloque organisé par l’université de Paris-X, éd. Pedone, 2006; “ L’application des traités internationaux et l’office du juge des référés administratifs”, *Mélanges Labetoulle*, éd. Dalloz, 2007; “ L’articulation du droit interne et du droit international”, *La France et le droit international*, Cahin, Poirat, Szurek (dir.), éd. Pedone, 2007.

Many “conclusions” (opinions) in the *Conseil d’État* published in *Actualité Juridique Droit Administratif (AJDA)*, *Revue française de droit administratif*, *Revue générale de droit international public*, *Revue critique de droit international privé*.

“*The Effects of International Legal Obligations in Domestic Law in Light of the Judgment of the Court in the Medellín case*”, in G. Gaja, J. Grote Stoutenburg (eds.), *Enhancing the Rule of Law through the International Court of Justice*, Brill/Nijhoff, Leiden/Boston, 2014; Preface to “*Les grandes décisions de la jurisprudence française de droit international public*”, A. Pellet, A. Miron (dir.), ed. Dalloz, Paris, 2015.
