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**Mr. Ion Diaconu
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Name and first name: DIACONU, Ion

Date and place of birth: 23 October 1938, Stejari, Gorj, Romania

Working languages: French, English, Russian

Current position/function:

2008-2012, member of the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination, rapporteur of the Committee;

October 2010 to present, professor associate at the University Spiru Haret of Bucharest, teaching „Juridical protection of human rights”, „Diplomatic and consular relations”, as well as for post-graduate studies „European and Euroatlantic Organizations”;

Main professional activities:

1960-1979: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Legal Department; Department for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

1979-1980: counsellor with the Romanian Embassy, Brussels;

1981-1986: counsellor and minister-counsellor with the Romanian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York;

1986-1990: deputy director of the International Organizations and Legal Department, MFA;

1990-1993: director and director general of the Legal and Consular Department, MFA; professor of international law at the National School of Political and Administrative Studies and several private universities, Bucharest;

1993-1997: Ambassador of Romania to Denmark, and 1994-1997 to Iceland (non-resident);

1997-2001: Ambassador of Romania to the Russian Federation;

1993-2001: lectures on human rights issues in Copenhagen, Oslo, Lund, Stockholm and Moscow;

2001-2004: Secretary-General of the MFA, in charge of legal and consular affairs;

2005-2008: counsellor with the Commission on Foreign Policy of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament;

2001-2006: professor of international law at the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, at the Diplomatic Academy of the Romanian MFA, at the University of Bucharest (Faculty of History) and at the “Dimitrie Cantemir” University (Bucharest);

2006-2008: lecturer at the Spiru Haret University, teaching „Juridical Protection of Human Rights” and for the post-graduate studies „European and Euro-Atlantic Organizations”;

2008-2010: professor-lecturer at the University Spiru Haret of Bucharest, teaching „Juridical protection of human rights”, „Diplomatic and Consular Law” and „International Relations in Modern and Contemporary Times, as well as for post-graduate studies „European and Euro-Atlantic Organizations”.

Educational background:

1956-1960: Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, Romania,

1965-1968: University of Geneva, Ph.D. studies;

1971: Ph. D. in International Law at the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Participation in major international conferences

1963: Vienna, Conference for the codification of consular law;

1972-1975: Helsinki and Geneva, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;

1978: Belgrade, General meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 1980: Madrid, General meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 1964, 1981-1985: sessions of the UN General Assembly and other UN bodies in New York;
 1985: Ottawa, Meeting on Human Rights, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 1986: Vienna, General Meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation;
 1988: session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights;
 1996: Copenhagen, World Conference on Social Development;
 1999: Sankt Petersburg, United Nations meeting, Decade of International Law;
 2001: Durban World Conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
 2009: Geneva Review Conference on the implementation of Durban documents.

Membership of international legal bodies

1988-1991: member of the UN Sub commission for the Protection of Minorities and the Prevention of Discrimination;
 1991-2002: member of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
 1988-2002: member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration;
 2002-2003: chairman of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;
 2008-2012: member of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, rapporteur of the Committee.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Imperative Norms of International Law (Jus Cogens), 1971 (French), 1977 (Romanian);
 Handbook on Public International Law, 1993 (Romanian), 1995 second edition, third edition 2010;
 Human Rights (Romanian), 1993;
 Human Rights in the Contemporary International Law (2001 – Romanian);
 Human Rights in the Contemporary International Law, theory and practice (Romanian), 2010;
 Juridical Protection of Human Rights, 2007 and 2010- Romanian;
 Minorities – Status and Prospects, 1996 – Romanian;
 Minorities – Identity and Equality, 1998 – Romanian;
 Minorities in the Third Millennium, 1999 – Romanian;
 Minorities in International Law, 2001 – English;
 Minorities from Non-Discrimination to Identity, 2004-English, published with financial support of UNESCO;
 Minorities in the Contemporary International Law, 2009-Romanian;
 European and Euroatlantic Organizations, 2009, second edition 2011-Romanian;
 International Relations in Modern and Contemporary Times, 2008- Romanian;
 Treaties of international law, vol. I (Introduction and Sources), 2002 –Romanian; vol. II (Representation, Spaces and Population), 2003 - Romanian; vol. III (Economic Relations and Ways and Means of International Cooperation), 2005-Romanian;
 The International Criminal Court – a new stage, 2002 – English;
 Racial Discrimination, 2005 - Romanian; 2007-English, published by the UNDP Office of Bucharest; 2011-English, published by Eleven Publishers, The Hague;
 More than 100 studies and articles on different issues of international law and human rights in Romanian and foreign publications and books, in Romanian, English and French.