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MOHAMED BEDJAOUI (ALGERIA)

Mohamed Bedjaoui, a former Minister of Justice of Algeria, has been Permanent Representative of his country to the United Nations since September 1979.

Born on 21 September 1929, Mr. Bedjaoui studied political science in Grenoble and received a doctorate of philosophy in law. He is a laureate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

From 1958 to 1961 he was legal adviser to the Provisional Government of the Algerian Republic. In 1962, after the Algerian people had voted for independence and Algeria's sovereignty had been recognized by France, he served as Cabinet Director to the President of the Constituent National Assembly. From 1962 to 1964 he was Secretary-General of the Government, and from 1964 to 1970 Minister of Justice.

Mr. Bedjaoui was Algeria's Ambassador to France and its permanent delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). He headed Algerian delegations at the United Nations Conference on the Succession of States in Respect of Treaties, at the thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly (1978-1979) and at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Since 1965 Mr. Bedjaoui has been a member of the United Nations International Law Commission, serving since 1967 as its Special Rapporteur on the subject of the succession of States in respect of treaties.

He has published a number of articles on international legal and political questions and on Algeria. The most recent of these, published by UNESCO, concerned the new international economic order.

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