

## VIAC – QUESTIONNAIRE

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  5. **Current position:** President Iran – United States Claims Tribunal
  6. **Education:** Dr. Iuris ; Licence Droit européen, LL.M. Harvard ; Doctorat ; Diploma cum laude Hague Academy International Law
  7. **Practiced experience in arbitration:**

How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international)? Over 200 cases  
Under which Rules? : ICC, ICSID, LCIA, NAI, VIAC, DIS, EDF, UNCITRAL, Polish Arbitration Rules, Geneva , AAA, PCA- Environmental Arbitration, CRT, etc.  
How often have you acted as Chairman? Most often  
How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? yes  
How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? Less frequently than Chairman or sole arbitrator  
How often have you acted as Counsel? Some 10 cases .  
How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? never
  8. **Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):** over 100 articles ; professor arbitration KULeuven, frequent seminars and conferences.
  9. **Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**

Vice President CEPINA, user's council LCIA, Cté d'Arbitrage ICC, arbitration lists Vienna, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Poland, NAI, etc.
  10. **Languages:**

Mother tongue: Dutch  
Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): English, French ( full understanding German)
  11. **In which legal system have you trained?** Belgian, US and International law
  12. **What is your main jurisdiction of practice?** Truly transnational practice, commercial arbitration as well as investment arbitrations
  13. **Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of three):**

Transnational commerce, international law, commercial contracts
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I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate. I understand that the above information will be used for VIAC's internal use and may be given to interested persons and may be put on VIAC's website.

Date and signature

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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### **PRESENT FUNCTIONS**

President Iran – United States Claims Tribunal – The Hague  
Arbitrator – FCI Arb.  
Independent Arbitrator ( FCI Arb)  
Professor Arbitration , Leuven Law School  
Vice-President, CEPANI (Belgian Arbitration Institute)

### **PAST FUNCTIONS**

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Professor, Chair of International Public Law and European Law ( 1980-1990)  
Professor, Chair of International Business law and Conflict of Laws ( 1990-2009)  
President Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission – The Hague ( 2001-2009)

International Commissioner - Real Property Claims Commission (Bosnia), ( 1996-2003) .  
 Member of the United Nations Compensation Commission, Geneva (1998-2001)  
 Arbitrator and Senior Judge at the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Bank Accounts (Switzerland) (1998-2002).  
 Litigation Partner Stibbe – Brussel (1990 – 1999)

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## EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Dr. Jur., University of Leuven - magna cum laude 1969  
 Licence European Law, University of Leuven – magna cum laude 1970  
 LLM, University of Harvard - 1971  
 Diploma cum laude, Academy International Law of The Hague - 1977  
 Doctor, University of Leuven – 1978  
 Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – London (FCIArb.)

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## LANGUAGES

English, French and Dutch  
 German (full spoken and written comprehension)

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## ARBITRATION

Considered one of the 20 ‘most highly regarded individuals’ in arbitration  
 ( Global Arbitration Review – Commercial Arbitration 2009, p. 2)

Acted as chairman, sole arbitrator or party-appointed arbitrator in over 150 international arbitration proceedings.

Appointments as arbitrator by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the American Arbitration Association, ICSID , the European Development Fund , CEPANI, the Netherlands Arbitration Institute, the Polish Chamber of Foreign Trade, the Vienna Arbitration Centre, the United Nations and the Geneva Chamber of International Commerce.

Acted as counsel in numerous arbitration proceedings (ad hoc arbitration, ICC, CEPANI, LCIA, Chambre arbitrale de Paris, UNCITRAL).

The subject matters covered include i.a. state contracts, turn-key projects, construction, engineering, public works ( e.g. dam , power plant, roads, subway), investment contracts, BIT’s, joint ventures, IT, share evaluations, international sales, agency and distributorship, transfer of technology, patents, cooperation agreements, software developments, shipping of goods, oil contracts , antitrust issues, mergers and acquisitions, securities trade, economic sanctions, export insurance, rescheduling of public debts, UN Boycott, NAFTA, etc.

ICSID Tribunals :

- Sancheti vs. Germany ( ICSID-appointed UNCITRAL – 1998) – Chairman ;
- CSOB vs./ Slovak Republic ( 97/4) – Chairman ;
- Mobil Investments Canada vs. Canada (07/04) – NAFDTA - Chairman
- Toto Construzioni vs./ Lebanon ( 07/12) – Chairman ;
- S&T vs. / Romania ( 07/13) – Chairman ;
- Saba Fakes vs./ Turkey ( 07/20) – Co-arbitrator .

NAFTA Tribunal : Mobil Exxon vs. Canada.

Standing arbitrator for Agreements between Philip Morris and E.U. and ten European Member States and between Philip Morris and Columbia.

Tribunal Appointed Expert in Guyana vs. Suriname ( The Hague - 2006).

Appointing Authority in UNCITRAL arbitrations

## OTHER ARBITRATION ACTIVITIES

Vice President of CEPANI, the Belgian Arbitration Institution

Regular lectures at the arbitration training programs and seminars of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution of the American Arbitration Association, the International Chamber of Commerce , the School of International Arbitration, the International Bar Association etc.

Trustee of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre ( 2004 - 2008).

Member of the Commission on International Arbitration (International Chamber of Commerce- Paris).

Member of the London Club of Arbitrators

Member of the Milan Club of Arbitrators.

Member of working groups on arbitration in the framework of the International Bar Association, the International Chamber of Commerce, International Law Association, etc.

International Advisor of the Regional Centre for Arbitration – Kuala Lumpur

Listed arbitrator of the American Arbitration Association, the Vienna Arbitration Centre, WIPO, Hong Kong, the Netherlands Arbitration Institute, Chambre arbitrale de Paris, etc.; listed Mediator of ICSID.

Board of Editors of i.a. *Tijdschrift voor Arbitrage*.

Board of Advisors : Institute for Transnational Arbitration-Dallas  
 Northwestern Journal of International Business Law  
 Business Law International ( IBA)

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#### MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member Bar - since 1971;

International Law Association (ILA)

- member, Arbitration Committee

- member, Committee on International Civil Litigation

Past Secretary-General : International Law Association- Belgian branch

Vice-President, CEPANI (Belgian Arbitration Institute);

Mediator, Brussels Business Mediation Centre

Member International Arbitration Commission - International Chamber of Commerce

International Bar Association (IBA)- Past- Chairman, International Sales Committee;

ICC Institute for World Trade Law - Corresponding member

Board of Directors, Société belge pour le droit international

Member Association Suisse de l' Arbitrage.

Member Osterreichische Vereinigung fur Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit

Member Arbitration Club, London

Member Arbitration Club Milan

Past Secretary-General : Société belge de Droit International

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#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

I.a. *The Law of International Trade*, Second Edition, Sweet & Maxwell, 2d ed.  
 London 2002, xlvi + 432 pages.

Over 100 articles on international trade law, contract law and arbitration.

Bibliography will be submitted on request.