

Outstanding achievements

- Member of the Spanish Commission on International Humanitarian Law (2008–2012 and 2019 to present).
- Second Vice-President of the International Law Commission (2014).
- Director of the International Legal Advisory Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (from June 2004 to March 2012).
- Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission on the topic “Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction” (2012 to present).
- Advisor to ECLAC on the drafting and negotiation project of the “Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement)”, adopted on March 4, 2018 (2014–2018, 2020).
- Member of the Informal Expert Group on a Multilateral Instrument, Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS Project), OECD (2013–2014).

Publications

Prof Escobar Hernández has authored many publications in the field of International law and European Union law, the following is but a brief selection:

- La Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Naciones Unidas y la violación de derechos humanos y libertades fundamentales Estudio de los procedimientos públicos especiales, Madrid, 1988.
- El recurso por omisión ante el Tribunal de Justicia de las Comunidades Europeas, Madrid, 1993.
- Instituciones de Derecho Comunitario (Dir.), Valencia, 2012.
- Código de Organizaciones Internacionales, Navarra, 1997 (in collaboration with M. DIEZ DE VELASCO and N. TORRES UGENA).
- Los derechos humanos en la sociedad internacional del siglo XXI, (Dir.), Madrid, 2009.
- Coordinator of the 18^a edition of the manual Instituciones de Derecho Internacional of Prof. Diez de Velasco.
- She has published more than 50 specialised articles on public international law.
- Contributed to the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law with lectures on the ICJ, ICC, ITLOS, ECHR and Immunity of State officials (www.legal.un.org/avl/ls/Escobar-Hernandez-s.html).



Concepción
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Hernández 2023-2027

**CANDIDATE OF SPAIN
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LAW
COMMISSION**





Spain has a strong commitment to international law, born of the conviction that without respect for its rules, there can be no lasting international peace and security. Therefore, Spain contributes resolutely to all of the efforts aimed at strengthening International law, and consolidating rule of law internationally

In this context, Spain attaches great importance to the International Law Commission (ILC), whose central role in the steady development and codification of international law has made it a reference point for the entire international community.

Now more than ever, the ILC must consolidate and strengthen its position as an auxiliary body of the United Nations General Assembly, to which it provides support and guidance in the increasingly necessary task of strengthening international law, always taking into account the problems, needs, and interests of individual States, as well as the international community

To this end the ILC must continue to be an independent body, comprising specialists in international law who represent the world's different legal systems. The ILC also needs a membership whose composition combines highly specialised qualifications and proven practical experience. Lastly the ILC needs to intensify its relations with the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly and with individual States, in order to ensure the efficient and effective fulfilment of its mandate as a body in charge of the essential task of promoting the progressive development and codification of international law.

For this reason, Spain is presenting the candidacy of Prof Concepción Escobar Hernández for re-election as member of the International Law Commission for the mandate 2023-2027. Her academic qualifications and practical experience have allowed her to participate very actively in the work of the Commission since 2011, making a special contribution in her capacity as Special Rapporteur on "Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction". Spain is firmly convinced that Professor Escobar Hernández is in the best position to continue performing these functions in the next five years, thus contributing in an outstanding way to the progressive development and codification of International Law.

Professional activity

Prof Escobar Hernández is a prestigious specialist in International law, who has a long and intense career as a teacher and researcher at universities in Spain and abroad.

After receiving her Law degree in 1981 from Complutense University of Madrid, she continued her studies there and obtained her PhD in Law in 1987. She became a full Professor (Profesora Titular) of Public International Law at Complutense University of Madrid (1991-1995) and at the University of Cantabria (1995-2001). Since 2001 she is Professor in International Law at National Distance University of Spain (UNED), and served as Dean of its Law School (2002-2004).

Currently she also teaches at the Centre for Studies in Humanitarian International Law (CEDIH) of the Spanish Red Cross (since 1998) and at the Spanish Diplomatic School (since 1996), where she teaches Public International Law. She also holds the "Jean Monnet" Chair of European Union Law (European Commission) at the UNED since 2004).

She frequently participates in seminars and conferences on International law, speaking at different congresses organised by such significant institutions as the European Society of International Law- ESIL, the International Federation of European Law-FIDE, and the International Law Association.

In the academic field, her activity has focused on: sovereign immunity, jurisdictions and International Tribunals, International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law, Peacekeeping, International Organizations and European Union Law.

She is a member of a number of scientific associations, and is, or has been, a member of the advisory councils and editorial boards of several specialised journals, in particular *Revista Española de Derecho Internacional*.

From 2004 to 2012, Prof. Escobar Hernández was Head of the International Legal Advisory Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. In this capacity, she was responsible for issuing opinions on all matters relating to public international law. He also contributed to defining Spain's legal position and for representing Spain before the principal International legal bodies, both at the global and the regional levels.

International legal activity

Prof Escobar Hernández has international experience. In this regard, it must be highlighted that she has represented Spain at the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly, at the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court, at the Working Party on International Law of the Council of the European Union (COJUR), at the Sub-group of experts on the International Criminal Court and other international criminal tribunals of the Council of the European Union (COJUR-ICC), and at the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law of the Council of Europe (CAHDI). Prof. Escobar was chair of COJUR and COJUR-ICC in 2010, and vice-chair since January 2011 to September 2012. Also worth noting is her participation in the Rome Conference on the Statute of the International Criminal Court, and in the Kampala Conference for the Review of this Statute, where she chaired the Drafting Committee.

She has also participated in diverse International negotiation processes, including certain maritime delimitation processes.

Prof Escobar Hernández also has experience in the field of international jurisdictions. She has represented Spain, as Agent, before the International Court of Justice and before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. She was member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (2008-2014) and of the list of arbitrators and mediators of the UN Convention of Law of the Sea (since 2011).

Since 2011 she has been a member of the International Law Commission. Special Rapporteur since 2012 on Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction.

Areas of expertise

- Jurisdictional immunities
- Jurisdictions and International Tribunals
- International Law of human rights
- International Criminal Law
- Peace-keeping
- International organizations
- European Union law (general and institutional)