

Aide Memoire

Dr. Réka Varga, Candidate of Hungary to the International Law Commission (2023-2027)

- Dr. Varga's candidature **fully satisfies the requirements of ILC members**:
 - members of the Commission are persons who possess recognized competence and qualifications in both doctrinal and practical aspects of international law
 - members of the Commission should represent the principal legal systems of the world
 - members are drawn from various segments of the international legal community, such as academia, diplomatic corps, government ministries and international organizations.
- Dr. Varga has **extensive professional experience in different fields** – from international organizations to humanitarian organizations, ombudsman's institution and government - backed up by her academic background and research in the field of international law.
- **Hungary has not had a member in the ILC since 1976.** It is important to ensure that ILC represents all legal cultures and reflects the geographical diversity of UN membership.
- Currently, 30 out of 34 ILC members are men. It is important to seek a balanced representation of men and women within the ILC. Dr. Réka Varga is the **only female candidate within the Eastern European Group.**

Special areas of expertise: international humanitarian law, national implementation of international humanitarian law, international criminal law, state immunities, immunity of international organizations, law of treaties

Academic career:

- Nearly two decades of **teaching** international law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law
- Numerous **books and publications** in international and national journals in English and Hungarian
- Almost 90 **professional presentations** given at national and international conferences as well as training events

Experience in a professional capacity:

- Expertise in public administration through working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary as Head of the International Law Department, Chief legal adviser on international law issues to the Minister of Justice of Hungary, Secretary General of the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- Solid practitioner's perspective through participation in the UN Sixth (Legal) Committee, the expert committee of the Council of Europe (Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law, CAHDI), European Union working parties (working party on international law, COJUR, COJUR ICC), International Red Cross/Red Crescent Conferences, and the meetings of the initiative on Strengthening Compliance with International Humanitarian Law (organized by ICRC and the Swiss government). Experience in negotiation of bilateral and multilateral treaties and negotiating with governments and armed forces on implementation and application of international humanitarian law
- Experience with humanitarian organizations: Senior Advisor of the Hungarian Red Cross, Legal Adviser of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Regional Delegation for Central Europe
- Membership in bodies and organizations dealing with international law (International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission, Permanent Court of Arbitration, International Institute of Humanitarian Law Sanremo, Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union)