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**PROFESSOR HILARY CHARLESWORTH AM ELECTED TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

The Australian Government congratulates Professor Hilary Charlesworth AM FASSA on her election to the International Court of Justice.

As the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, the International Court of Justice plays a critical role in upholding the rules-based order, and in the peaceful resolution of disputes between States.

Professor Charlesworth is a leading scholar and jurist who has made a significant contribution to the study and practice of international law, including by authoring seminal academic works on gender and international law, and twice serving as judge *ad hoc* at the International Court of Justice.

The election took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York on 5 November 2021 (EST) to fill the vacancy resulting from the passing of Australian Judge James Crawford LLD FBA AC SC, whose term was due to conclude on 5 February 2024. Professor Charlesworth was nominated for the election by the independent Australian National Group, a body of eminent Australian jurists who serve as Members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.