



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Ambassador  
**Dr Ana Polak Petrič**

Slovenia's candidate  
for the International  
Law Commission  
(2028–2032)



*“Where legal doctrine meets diplomatic practice:  
a voice of expertise and integrity for the ILC”*

## Priorities



**1. A strong commitment to the strengthening of international law** in order to achieve peace, stability and solidarity within the international community. Ambassador Dr Polak Petrič has demonstrated this commitment throughout her successful diplomatic career and academic work.

**2. Promoting the interdependency between the needs of States and the codification and development of international law,** with the aim of enabling the ILC to deliver expert work that can be used and appreciated by States. Ambassador Dr Polak Petrič has a significant advantage in this regard, given her extensive expertise and qualifications in the theory and practice of international law.

**3. Enhancing the effectiveness of the ILC's work** by using new technologies, promoting diversity of views and gender balance, as well as elaborating on contemporary topics important for the future. Ambassador Dr Polak Petrič is an efficient team leader with vision and dedication.

## Professional background and skills

### **Distinguished diplomatic career**

Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Germany. Previously: Ambassador to Japan (non-residentially also to the Republic of Korea and the Philippines); Human Rights Adviser at the Slovenian Permanent Mission to the UN, OSCE and Other International Organisations in Vienna.

### **Extensive experience in legal practice and litigation**

Served as co-agent of the Republic of Slovenia, legal adviser and expert in several cases before the European Court of Human Rights. Acted as High Representative of the Republic of Slovenia for Succession Issues to the former Yugoslavia. Served as legal adviser during the Independence Referendum in Montenegro.

### **Assistant Professor of International Law, Diplomacy and European Law**

Lecturer and course holder in International Law, Law of the Sea, Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, and Foreign Policy at the European Law Faculty, New University, Slovenia. Researcher in the field of international law and international relations.

### **An acclaimed author, co-author and editor of works on international and human rights law**

Published numerous books and scholarly publications in Slovenia and abroad. Editor-in-chief of the International Law Collection. Member of the Slovenian branch of the International Law Association.

### **Broad knowledge of the work of the ILC**

Obtained PhD following an extensive research on the ILC topic of "Protection of persons in the event of natural disasters". Advanced Slovenia's positions within the 6th Committee of the UN General Assembly regarding the ILC's work on several topics, including "Succession of States in respect of State responsibility".

## Endorsements

*I am delighted to endorse Ambassador Dr Ana Polak Petrič as Slovenia's candidate for membership of the ILC. Her extensive experience in both legal scholarship and diplomacy, her energy, vision and integrity make her an ideal candidate for this prestigious position. I am confident that she will bring forward-thinking ideas, exceptional professionalism and a collaborative spirit to the Commission. Furthermore, her participation in the ILC will greatly enhance its ability to uphold and progressively develop international law for a more stable and just world – a goal we all share.*

**Dr Nataša Pirc Musar,**

*President of the Republic of Slovenia*

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*Ambassador Dr Ana Polak Petrič has been my colleague in the Slovenian diplomatic service for many years. She is widely recognised for her knowledge and professionalism, and is held in high regard for her integrity and commitment. Given these qualities, I am convinced that she would have a powerful and positive impact on the work of the International Law Commission. Slovenia is firmly committed to upholding international law and protecting human rights, and Ambassador Polak Petrič has devoted her distinguished career to promoting these principles. She listens to and reflects on different opinions, fosters dialogue and works towards reaching consensus. For these reasons, I strongly endorse her candidacy for ILC membership.*

**Tone Kajzer,**

*Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia*

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