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1. Desirability Committee/Appointment Advisory Committee

The Desirability Committee is composed of the following members:

- Prof. dr. Kutsal Yesilkagit (Dean, Faculty Governance and Global Affairs, Leiden University – Chair
- Prof. dr. Madeleine Hosli (International Relations, Institute of Security and Global Affairs, FGGA, Leiden University)
- Prof. dr. Carsten Stahn (International Criminal Law and Global Justice, Faculty of Law, UL)
- Dr. Henno Theisens (Public Governance, Faculty Public Management, Law & Safety, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, THUAS)
- Prof. dr. ir. Joris Voorhoeve (Public Administration, Faculty of Social Sciences, UL/International Peace, Justice and Security, Faculty Public Management, Law & Safety, THUAS)
- Liduine Bremer (Dean, Faculty of Public Management, Law and Safety, THUAS)
- Willem Post (Senior visiting fellow Institute Clingendael / International advisor City Diplomacy Team, Municipality The Hague)
- Jozias van Aartsen (former Mayor of The Hague)

These members will act as an advisory committee for the appointment of the Extraordinary Chair during the recruitment and interview phase of the procedure.

2. Background and description of the Extraordinary Chair

Given the importance of the UN, the international profile of the city of The Hague as the city of Peace and Justice, and the ties that the former mayor Jozias van Aartsen has with the UN, the city of The Hague (team City Diplomacy) has expressed the wish to establish a Chair of United Nations Studies for a period of three years (0.6 fte) as part of the Jozias van Aartsen UN Honours Program, a present for the former mayor of The Hague.

As Foreign Secretary and as Mayor of The Hague as well, Jozias van Aartsen explicitly promoted the United Nations legacy. The Jozias van Aartsen UN Honours Program suits the man who – at the start of this appointment as Mayor - launched the Hague Bridge Program to connect the City of Peace and Justice with The Hague's citizens. The City Diplomacy Bureau of the Municipality will be actively involved in the practical support of the Honours Program.

The Hague houses around 200 inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, Europol, and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. A large part of the academic education and research in The Hague directly touches the work and activities of these international organizations. The proximity of these

organizations as well as the Embassies is of great value to both Leiden University and The Hague University of Applied Sciences, to researchers and students alike.

As awarding authority and sponsor, the Municipality of The Hague requests The Hague University of Applied Sciences¹¹ to install an Extraordinary Chair of United Nations Studies (0,3 fte) at the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA) of Leiden University. This Extraordinary Chair is part of a larger appointment at The Hague University of Applied Sciences (0,6 fte).

The activities of the Chair holder consist of teaching, research and societal impact concerning the (future of) the United Nations and the role of this organization in securing peace and justice in general and meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in particular. In times of global instability, more than ever there is a real need for international organizations in general and the United Nations in particular to contribute to global stability and the wellbeing of all citizens of the world. At the same time, important questions are being raised about the effectiveness of the current UN system in this rapidly changing world.

3. Institutional positioning of the Extraordinary Chair

The Extraordinary Chair will be installed at **Leiden University's** Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, in The Hague, more specifically within the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA).

The **Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA)** aims at contributing to solutions for societal challenges, in an attempt to achieve necessary innovations in the fields of public administration, environment, health and security. The Faculty is doing so in anticipation of the National Research Agenda and the objectives of the Horizon 2020 programme.

Complex challenges request an interdisciplinary approach, which the FGGA offers by pairing disciplinary scientific knowledge with the capacity of interdisciplinary, cross-boundary work.

The FGGA is pre-eminently suitable to address these challenges - through teaching, research and social impact – making use of the unique location offered by the region and closely supporting the creed 'The Hague of Peace and Justice'.

The Institute of Security and Global Affairs, which will host the Chair of UN Studies, is a scientific institute that specializes in security issues. Researchers at this institute are engaged in interdisciplinary research and teaching within the international scientific field of security studies. The approach to issues of security is *glocal*, that is to say that the local, national, transnational and global impact are studied and analysed in conjunction with each other.

ISGA's research is organized along five research groups:

1. Terrorism and Political Violence
2. Cybersecurity Governance
3. Diplomacy and Global Affairs
4. Governance of Crises
5. Intelligence and Security

¹¹ Stichting HBO Haaglanden

The Chair of UN Studies will be linked to the research group Diplomacy and Global Affairs, which focuses on topics such as changing global power constellations, (international) diplomacy, conflict prevention and resolution, the work of actors such as international, multilateral, regional and non-governmental institutions, and research on the prevention of humanitarian challenges.

Central to the research group is a focus on how the changing global order and adaptations in international and regional institutions affect the ways in which various actors, including governmental and non-governmental institutions, can effectively address global challenges. By having an explicit focus on the role of multilateral institutions and on diplomacy, the research group is closely linked to the ambitions of The Hague as the International City of Peace and Justice.

The Chair will certainly also connect with FGGA's Institute of Public Administration and the Leiden University College (LUC), where academics specialized in international and EU governance, EU global policy, and international law are

Within **The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS)**, this Chair will form the basis of a new research group UN Studies: Peace and Justice within the Faculty of Public Management, Law & Safety. The research group fits with the university's commitment to an international learning environment for its students and its strategic goal of internationalization. It will also be an important group to act as bridge between the international organizations focusing on global peace and justice and THUAS.

The research group will be located within the **Faculty of Public Management, Law & Safety**. In this faculty, there is considerable expertise on the theme of the research group, particularly in the programmes for International & European Law, International Public Management and Safety and Security Management Studies. There are also obvious links with the faculty Management & Organisation and its programme on European Studies. And as international security increasingly has a digital dimension, links with the IT and Design faculty and the Centre of Expertise of Cyber Security are also relevant.

The research group will be part of the **Research Platform Good Governance for a Safe World**, one of the four research platforms of THUAS. In this research platform researchers from four faculties participate and collaborate. The research of the platform focuses on the themes (1) Global Cities, (2) New Risks, and (3) Complex Governance. The work of the research group United National Studies: Peace and Justice will mainly contribute to the platform's second research theme, focusing on global safety and security. This does not discount a potential contribution to the other two research themes of the research platform Good Governance for a Safe World. For theme one, the importance of cities in contributing to global governance is important and for theme three the contribution of international (UN) organization to global governance is obvious.

4. Activities

The activities of the Chair are defined as follows:

- Giving (guest) lectures and organizing activities in the field of UN Studies;
- Creating awareness among youth and students concerning the principles, goals and current role of the United Nations;

- Stimulating youth in the boroughs Schilderswijk and Transvaal (in the context of the so-called Schilderswijk and Transvaal University) to participate in UN-related activities, for instance through an essay competition;
- Organizing an annual lecture, preferably at the Peace Palace, where scientists, students and talented youth are invited;
- Actively contribute to the Van Aartsen UN Honours Program, a.o. an annual visit to New York with Jozias van Aartsen and a group of students;
- Bridging the academic world and the UN Studies field with the city of The Hague.
- Organizing joint events for students of Leiden University and The Hague University of Applied Sciences

5. Profile

To occupy this Chair, we search for a candidate who possesses:

- a PhD in Social Sciences or Law;
- a solid/strong track-record as researcher in one of these fields;
- demonstrable experience with positions of the UN system;
- excellent teaching experience;
- capability to address various groups of people (youth, students, scientists, diplomats);
- capability to relate to and make a link with the city of The Hague;
- strong communicative skills, both in Dutch and in English.