

Witness Biography: *International Court of Justice*
Ann Lakhdir
President: NCJO Committee on Disarmament



Background:

Ann Lakhdir has served as the accredited IDDS Representative at the United Nations since 1980. For most of the past 25 years she has been a board member of the UN NGO Committee on Disarmament and Vice President for Program of the organization, now called the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security. She is currently the President of this Committee. Lakhdir has been responsible for arranging panel discussions involving both NGO experts and official UN delegates, which take place annually at UN Headquarters in New York in the autumn and spring. Before each panel she has solicited input on topics and speakers from the broad community of Non-Governmental Organizations concerned with progress on peace and disarmament within the UN framework. Lakhdir works vigorously with other NGO representatives in New York to increase the visibility, participation, and input of NGOs into the deliberations on security and disarmament in the General Assembly and its First Committee (Committee on Security and Disarmament).

What she adds to the case:

Ann Lakhdir is the President of the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Committee on Disarmament, Peace, and Security. The NGO is an Organization that has provided services and facilities to hundreds of citizens' groups concerned with the peace and disarmament activities of the United Nations. The NGO Committee is viewed as a primary ally of the international movement for arms control, peace and disarmament, and the continuing body designated to serve this worldwide constituency. The Committee has a crucial and expanding responsibility to inform NGOs worldwide of the status of negotiation, country positions, major obstacles and opportunities, and to help NGOs transmit their expertise and creative proposals to the appropriate decision-making fora. A current conflict area of interest for the NGO is the India-Pakistan dispute over the Kashmir region.

View on the Issue:

Lakhdhir supports disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation matters. She is a member of Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies (IDDS), founded in 1980, which is a non-profit group that advocates for nuclear disarmament. In addition, she is now the president of the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Committee on Disarmament, Peace, and Security. Also, Lakhdhir is a moderator for the UN.

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