



DR. ASSAD KOTAITE



Born in Hasbaya, Lebanon, on 6 November 1924

Nationality: Lebanese

Marital Status: Married

Education: Graduate in Law (1948), French University of Beirut and Doctor in Law (1952), University of Paris. He has also studied at the *Institut des hautes études internationales* of the University of Paris and at the Academy of International Law of The Hague. In 1952, he was elected President of the Association of Attenders and Alumni of The Hague Academy of International Law.

In 1995, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* from the Kyiv International University of Civil Aviation, in 1996, the title of Professor *Honoris Causa* from the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest in Romania, in 2000, the title of Doctor *Honoris Causa* from the University of Žilina in Slovakia and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy *Honoris Causa* from the Eskişehir Anadolu University in Turkey, and in 2001, the degree of Doctor of Science *Honoris Causa* from the Hankuk Aviation University in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Career: 1.8.76 – 31.7.06 - President of the Council of ICAO

1970-31.7.76 - Secretary General of ICAO

1965-68 - Chairman of the Air Transport Committee

1965-70 - Representative of Lebanon on the Council of ICAO and Member of the Air Transport Committee

1963-64 - Head of Administrative Service in charge of civil aviation studies at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of Lebanon

1959-62 - Chairman of the ICAO Air Transport Committee

1959 - Member and Vice-Chairman of the ICAO Finance Committee and Chairman of the Working Group on ICAO's Financial Regulations

1958 - Second Vice-President of the ICAO Council and Member of an administrative tribunal of ICAO

1957-59 - Member of the United Nations Transport and Communications Commission, New York, and Chairman of the Ninth Session (1959) of that Commission

1956-70 - Represented Lebanon at all sessions of the ICAO Assembly and attended the extraordinary session of the Assembly in June 1970

1956-62 - Representative of Lebanon on the Council of ICAO and Member of the Air Transport Committee

1953-70 - Member of the Legal Committee of ICAO

1953-56 - Chief of Legal Services, International Agreements and External Relations in Lebanon's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (Ministry of Public Works and Transport)

1948-49 (and part of 1953) - Barrister at law, Beirut

Guest lecturer at various universities and institutes including the McGill Institute of Air and Space Law, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the *Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Aeronáutico y del Espacio y de la Aviación Civil* in Madrid, the Diplomatic Academy in Lima, the University of Aix en Provence, the Institute of Air and Space Law of Leiden University, Linacre College, Oxford University, and the University of Bucharest.

Has published many articles on international air law and air transport economics. Since 1995, President of the International Court of Aviation and Space Arbitration.

During his career, he has been decorated by many States.

Languages: Arabic, French, English, Portuguese and Spanish.