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**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space**  
**Sixty-sixth session**  
Vienna, 31 May–9 June 2023

**Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its  
subsidiary bodies for the period 2024-2025**

**Note by the Secretariat**

Note verbale VN/7035/2022 – VN/7035/2022-UM-12 received by the Secretariat on 28 March 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations in Vienna:

“The Permanent Mission of Finland presents its compliments to the United Nations for Outer Space Affairs, and in its capacity as the current Chair of the Western European and Other States Group (WEOG) has the honor to inform that WEOG has decided by consensus to submit the candidature of Mr. Santiago Ripol Carulla (Head of the International Legal Office of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation) for the position of Chair of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for the biennium 2024-2025.

The Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Ripol Carulla is attached to this note.

The Permanent Mission of Finland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.”

The note verbale of the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations in Vienna is contained below.





**PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND**  
Vienna

VN/7035/2022  
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## **VERBAL NOTE**

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The Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Ripol Carulla is attached to this note.

The Permanent Mission of Finland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 28 March 2023



Attached: Verbal Note from Spain inc. the CV of Mr. Ripol Carulla

To the Secretariat of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)



REPRESENTACIÓN PERMANENTE DE ESPAÑA  
ANTE LAS ORGANIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES  
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### NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Spain to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Finland to the International Organizations in Vienna in its capacity as Chair of the WEOG Group and following the announcement of the vacancy of the position of Chair of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS for the period 2024-2025, has the honour to inform it of the nomination of Prof. Dr. Santiago Ripol Carulla, Head of the International Legal Office of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation for the abovementioned position.

Kindly find attached herewith the Curriculum Vitae of Prof. Dr. Santiago Ripol Carulla.

The Permanent Mission of Spain to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Finland to the International Organizations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 6 March 2023



To the  
Permanent Mission of Finland  
to the International Organizations  
in Vienna

## SANTIAGO RIPOL-CARULLA

February 2023

Santiago Ripol is professor of Public International Law at Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona). He is currently the Head of the International Legal Office of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation (since January 2022).

Before joining the Ministry, Dr. Ripol was Vice-dean (2000-2002) and Dean (2003) of the Pompeu Fabra law school and Lawyer at the Constitutional Court (2004-2015). In 2008, professor Ripol intervened as an expert of the Council of Europe in the preparation of the statute for GRETA, the body responsible for overseeing compliance with the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, and examining different national legislations on this matter. He is also member of the International Nuclear Law Association, having served as member of Management Board from November 2012 to November 2018.

As University professor, he leads a research team (financed by the Education Ministry) dealing with the relations between the European International Jurisdictions (European Court of Justice and Human Rights European Court) and the Spanish Courts.

Dr. Ripol is the author of several publications (7 monographic works and over 50 articles and chapters of books) many of which are related to the accommodation of international law in Spanish law, International Law of Human Rights, and Air and Space law

He is President of the Ibero-American Institute in Aeronautical and Space Law and Commercial Navigation (since 2016). In this condition, he has been in charge of drafting various legislative bills on Air Navigation and Space Law, namely the Draft Law on the Statute of a Future Spanish Space Agency (2014-2015), which has been a basis for the approval of the Spanish Space Agency (2022). He is the Director of the Post-graduate course Specialist in Air and Space Law, offered by the Ibero-american Institute and the Universidad a Distancia de Madrid (UDIMA), an on-line course which, in its four editions, has trained more than 70 students for almost all Latin American countries Spain.

Professor Ripol has recently published, in cooperation with Elvira Prado, the book: *Los derechos culturales y el espacio ultraterrestre* (Cultural Rights and Outer Space) Santa Cruz de Tenerife: Ed. Kinnamon, 2022.