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A black and white portrait of Frida M. Armas Pfirter, a woman with shoulder-length dark hair, smiling slightly. She is wearing a dark top and a necklace. The background is a light, textured grey. On the left side of the image, there are several blue diagonal stripes of varying widths.

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**Dr. Frida Armas Pfirter has a wide professional experience in Law of the Sea and maritime matters.**

Dr. Armas Pfirter is a lawyer and holds a Ph.D. in International Law by the University of Buenos Aires. Her thesis was graded Summa cum Laude and awarded the "Faculty Prize" by the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires (2000). She was elected as a Full Member of the National Academy of Law and Social Sciences of Buenos Aires in 2021.

She has been a professor of Public International Law and Law of the Sea since 1987, teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses in Argentina and abroad. She is currently a full professor of Public International Law at the University of Buenos Aires and at Austral University, where she is the director of the "Postgraduate Course on Public Policies for a Sustainable Use of the Oceans". Abroad, she has been a Training Leader in the "Training Course on Ocean Governance, Ocean Sciences and Geoethics" of the International Ocean Institute (IOI) Training Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean since 2018. She was a professor at the Yeosu Academy of the Law of the Sea (Korea, 2019), at the twelfth session of the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy (Rhodes, Greece, 2007) and in the OAS Course on International Law, where she taught Law of the Sea matters in 2002 and 2018. She is an expert evaluator at the National Commission for University Evaluation and Accreditation (CONEAU) and a researcher.

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She has performed various tasks related to Law of the Sea in the United Nations system. She is currently a Conciliator and Arbitrator of the dispute settlement system of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and an expert for the purposes of Special Arbitration of Annex VIII of UNCLOS. She has been elected as member of the UN Ocean Decade Advisory Board 2022-2023, UNESCO-IOC.

Following an invitation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, she has contributed to the Audiovisual Library of International Law, giving four conferences on the legal regime of the seabed and subsoil. In addition, she was appointed as Law of the Sea professor in the United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2022.

From 1998 to date, she has successively been the General Coordinator of four projects of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) related to ocean and continental shelf matters.

Since 2001 she has served as an expert for the International Seabed Authority (ISA), Kingston, Jamaica. From 2001 to 2011, she was a Member of the Legal and Technical Commission of the ISA, and since 2012 she has been a Member of the Finance Committee.

She was part of the Argentine Delegation in numerous international meetings, among others, as Head and/or Member of the Argentine Delegation in meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the Subcommission that analyzed the Argentine submission at the United Nations (New York, 2001, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017); Member of the Argentine Delegation between the 5th and 26th sessions of the International Seabed Authority (Kingston, Jamaica, 1999-2021); Head and/or Member of the Argentine Delegation in bilateral technical meetings on the outer limit of the continental shelf with other countries with similar issues, such as Brazil, Uruguay, Denmark, Cuba, Ecuador, United Kingdom and Chile.

She is the author of three books and more than 50 publications, both in Argentina and abroad.