

## **Carmen Rosa Villa Quintana (Peru)**

**Place and date of birth:** 30 December 1953, Lima, Peru

**United Nations working languages:** Spanish, English

### **Current position/function:**

Office of the High Commissioner of the United Nations for Human Rights (OHCHR). (Dec. 2018–March 2019) International Expert responsible for the preparation of a Study about the respect for the guarantees of due process in criminal cases for crimes related to obstetric emergencies in El Salvador.

### **Main professional activities:**

Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Peru. Adviser to the Ministerial Office (Sept. 2016–Sept. 2017). International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala, (CICIG) Deputy Commissioner. (Jan–Sept. 2016). Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of OHCHR, Regional Representative (2006 to 2009) and Regional Representative for Central America OHCHR (2010–2015). Office in Colombia of the OHCHR, Coordinator of the Area of Cooperation and Technical Assistance (1999–2006). UNDP Project – Judicial Branch of Guatemala (PROFED/OJ.) Director. (Jul. Dec. 1998). United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala MINUGUA, Head of National Institutions in the Area of Strengthening Civil Power. (1996–Jun. 1998). Joint United Nations Verification Mission Program in Guatemala and UNDP. (1995) Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, Guatemala. Public Ministry, Prosecutor’s Office of Peru. Titular Provincial Prosecutor – Deputy Supreme Prosecutor (1981–1994).

### **Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:**

As Regional Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner, she promoted the ratification of the Convention on Forced Disappearance in the countries under his mandate. He followed up and advocated together with victim organizations and the Office of the Procurator for the Defense of Human Rights in El Salvador to search for the disappeared, with a PDDH recognition from El Salvador for the defense of the rights of the victims of the Mozote case. It gave impetus to the establishment of national mechanisms for compliance with the recommendations of the treaty bodies, including those formulated by the Committee on Enforced Disappearances. She maintained relations with governments and victim organizations in Panama, Mexico, Honduras, and Nicaragua to follow up on cases of enforced disappearance. In 2005, the UNHCHR promoted the approval of the Search Mechanism for Missing Persons in Colombia. As Legal Fellow she collaborated in the *Raquel Martín de Mejía vs. Peru* and *Blake vs. Guatemala* cases.

### **Educational background:**

1977: Bachelor in Law, “Santa Maria” Catholic University, Arequipa, Peru.

1978: Lawyer, “Santa Maria” Catholic University, Arequipa, Peru.

### **List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:**

As a United Nations official, she has not published on the subject.