

Annexe II

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

Last name and name: López Ortega, Juan José

Place and date of birth: Madrid (Spain) - 2 August 1956

Working languages: Spanish, French

Current position and duties:

- Since 2002, President of the Fourth Section of the Provincial Court of Madrid, specialised in Juvenile Criminal Law.
- Associate Professor at Carlos III University, Madrid, since 1990, currently in charge of these courses: “Criminal Procedural Law” and “Evidence in the Criminal Process”.
- Member of the Working Group constituted by the Ministry of Justice for the reform of the Criminal Prosecution Act.

Main professional activities:

- Counsel at the Constitutional Court (1993 – 1994).
- Practising judge since 1982. Judge at the Criminal Chamber of the National High Court (1997 – 2002).
- Participated in the Bilateral Convention with Romania for the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Public Prosecution Service (2002 – 2007), and with Bulgaria for reform of the Code of Criminal Procedure (2005 – 2006).
- Expert for the Council of Europe, participating in the evaluation processes of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) (2000).
- Participated in different development cooperation activities in El Salvador (1998 – 2001), Paraguay (2001), the Dominican Republic (2003), and Guatemala (2004).

Educational background:

- Degree in Law from Complutense University of Madrid (1974 – 1979).
- Specialization in Human Rights. Post-graduate degree from Complutense University of Madrid (1988 – 1990).
- Fellow at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, and student at the 22nd Study Session of the Institut International des Droits de l’Homme (1991).
- Internship at the European Commission of Human Rights (1992).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- As a judge at the National High Court, sat on the court that recognized the jurisdiction of Spanish courts to prosecute as genocide those offences (murder, kidnapping, forced disappearance and torture) committed during the military regimes in Argentina and Chile. Decisions of the Criminal Chamber of the National High Court, 4-5 November 1998.

- Since its creation, in 2009, has been a member of the National Commission for Forensic Use of DNA, a collegiate body under the Ministry of Justice, whose purpose is to guarantee the correct use of DNA databases, the functions of which, besides those pertaining to criminal investigations, include the identification of the remains of missing persons, currently especially useful for the identification of those who disappeared during the Spanish Civil War.
- Professor at the International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law Course at Carlos III University, Madrid.
- Lecturer for different training activities organised by the General Council of the Judiciary and the Prosecutor General's Office on the European system of human rights protection, and jurisprudence of the European Court.

List of most recent publications in the field:

More than 50 articles on criminal justice and fundamental rights, as well as on the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and on the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and the Constitutional Court of Spain regarding procedural and criminal law safeguards.
