

**Francisco ALBA (MEXICO)**

**Date and place of birth:** 28 August 1941, Mexico City

**Working languages:** Spanish and English

**Current position/function**

Researcher and lecturer, College of Mexico, specializing in the areas of international migration, population and development, and economic integration. Also national researcher with Mexico's National Research System, level III, from 1985 to date.

**Main professional activities**

Member of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, since 2004. Member of the External Evaluation Committee of the Colegio de la Frontera Norte and member of the Consultations Board of the National Migration Institute of Mexico since 2003.

Awarded the National Demographics Prize in recognition of his distinguished career.

Also a member of the Mexican Demographics Society and other relevant national and international professional associations, including the Population Reference Bureau and the Associate Programme, Inter-American Dialogue.

**Educational background**

Economist at the University of San Luis Potosí.

*Maestría en Demografía* (master's degree in demographics), from the College of Mexico.

Other postgraduate studies at the Institute of Political Studies, Paris, and the University of Texas, Austin, United States of America.

*Licenciatura en filosofía* (bachelor's degree in philosophy), Gregorian University, Rome.

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

One of Mexico's best-known migration specialists. Directed work on *Migration in an interconnected world: New directions for action*, joint publication (2005) of the Global Commission on International Migration.

Member of the Teaching Body on International Migration of the College of Mexico since 2004.

Was also a member of the jury for the National Demographics Prize in 2003.

Associate of the Mexican Council on International Affairs and member of the Latin American Studies Association and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population.

### **Most recent publications in the field**

Author of many studies and publications on international migration, Mexican migration policies, population and development. Most recent publications include the following books: *Migration in an interconnected world: New directions for action*, published in 2005, and *Las migraciones internacionales*, published in 2001 by the National Council for Culture and the Arts. In the context of Mexico-United States relations, he wrote the book *México-Estados Unidos-Canadá 1995-1996*, published in 1997 by the College of Mexico.