Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of the Child

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return it electronically in word format to** [**crc@ohchr.org**](mailto:crc@ohchr.org))

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United Nations working languages: Spanish (native speaker), French (advanced level), and English (basic knowledge).

Current position/function: [[1]](#footnote-1)

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President of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Vice-President of the [Annual Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/AnnualMeeting/Pages/Meetingchairpersons.aspx). Independent Consultant.

Other main professional activities, in particular related to children’s rights:

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Coordinator of the Committee General Debate “Strengthening children as human rights defenders”, held in 2018.

Member of the Working Group on individual communications of the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Member of the Academic Committee of the Certificate on Advanced Studies in Juvenile Justice of the Geneva University and the *Institut de droits de l’enfant*.

Guest professor to undergraduate and graduate courses in Uruguay and abroad, and author of numerous articles on children rights in specialized and academic publications.

President of the Scientific Committee of the World Congress on Juvenile Criminal Justice, to take place in México in 2021.

Career in the field of civil society and children rights protection.

Member of the International Board of the African Child Policy Forum.

Guest professor of the summer course of the Malaga University “Immigration of vulnerable people”.

Responsible of the module of Juvenile Justice 2018/2019 of the Certificate in advanced studies on Juvenile Justice of the University of Geneva and the *Institut de droits de l’enfant*.

Educational background:

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- Law studies - School of Law, Universidad de la República, Uruguay (1989-1996).

- VII Specialized course “Jurisdictional Protection of Children's Rights for judges, lawyers and prosecutors of the Southern Cone”, Santiago de Chile 2004, UNICEF and School of Law of the University Diego Portales.

- Interdisciplinary human rights course, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, 1996, San José, Costa Rica.

Relevant expertise on children and adolescent’s rights.

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and related experience:

(5 lines maximum)

Specialized in themes of juvenile justice and monitoring of adolescent detention centres in Latin America. Invited to different regions by States, National Human Rights Institutions, Children Ombudsman, UN Agencies and civil society organizations to support the dissemination and implementation of the concluding observations and recommendations of the CRC. Jury in several competitions on children rights. Observer of the XXII Panamerican Congress of boys, girls and adolescents (Colombia, 2019) in order to harmonize the Inter-American and the Universal children rights protection systems.

List of most recent publications in the field of children’s rights:

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-"Justicia juvenil: Prácticas restaurativas y políticas públicas", Defensoría del Pueblo de la Provincia de Santa Fe. Defensoría de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes de la Provincia de Santa Fe (Argentina), 2020.

- “Risk of violence, abuse and neglect to children living in institutions” in *A goal within reach: ending the institutionalization of children to ensure no one is left behind* (Lumos, United Kingdom, 2019).

- "30 ans de droits de l’enfant : un nouvel élan pour l'humanité", Université de Genève, 2019.

- Prologue to “Niñez que cuenta: el impacto de las políticas de drogas sobre niños, niñas y adolescentes con padres y madres encarcelados en América Latina y el Caribe”, Buenos Aires, Oficina Regional CWS

- “Consideraciones Generales a 28 años de aprobada la Convención sobre los Derechos del Niño”, Boletín Nº 4 IINFancia, Instituto Interamericano del Niño, OAS, 2018.

1. It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Rights of the Child requires participation in three sessions of three weeks´duration each (January/February, May/June and September/October) per year; in addition, pre-sessional working groups are held immediately after each session during five working days in order to prepare the following session. The total number of weeks during which the Committee meets in Geneva therefore amounts to at least 12 weeks per year. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)