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I am a Chilean lawyer with extensive experience in various legal fields, including international law, human rights, and constitutional law. My professional experience has mainly focused on the field of human rights, working in international organizations, NGOs, and government entities. I have held positions as a researcher, lawyer, advisor, project coordinator, commissioner of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile for one year during the government of President Gabriel Boric.

I am a lawyer from the University of Chile with a postgraduate degree in Human Rights and Transitional Justice. As a commissioner, I served on the Board of Directors for 3 out of 4 years of my term, serving as President (2021), leading the first Board of Directors of the IACHR composed solely of women in the history of the body (64 years). During my term, from 2018 to 2021, I served as the Rapporteur for Indigenous Peoples; Rapporteur for Memory, Truth, and Justice; and Rapporteur for Nicaragua. I was also the Rapporteur for Colombia, Ecuador, and Guyana in 2020 and 2021. During 2018 and 2019, I was the Rapporteur for Brazil, Cuba, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay. Together with two other fellow commissioners, I led the Working Group for the implementation of the Inter-American SIMORE and the Impact Observatory.

I worked as a human rights advisor to the Presidency of Chile, particularly in the preparation and processing of draft laws related to human rights institutions, childhood, and sexual diversity. With the return to democracy in Chile, I worked in the newly created Special Commission on Indigenous Peoples, and later in the Ministry of National Assets and the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation, specializing in the rights of Indigenous Peoples. I served as an advisor to the Ministry of the Interior, dealing with the Human Rights Program and the issues of Memory, Truth, and Justice, participating in the preparation and processing of various draft laws on national human rights institutions, political imprisonment, and torture, among others. I have also been a consultant for international organizations such as UNDP, ILO, FLACSO, CEJA, and IDB on issues related to ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, and the Inter-American Human Rights System, among others. I was the principal advisor to the former Secretary-General of the OAS between 2006 and 2011. I have been a guest professor on SIDH issues at various institutions and universities.

I am currently working as an international consultant on issues of human rights and international relations. I am a member of the Inter-American Dialogue (Interamerican Dialogue (<https://www.thedialogue.org>)) as a Senior Fellow since June 2023 and Co-Director of Advocacy, Compliance and Technical Cooperation on Human Rights at IHR LEGAL

(<https://ihr.legal/es/> ) since July 2023. I am also Director of the Diploma in Human Rights, Public Policies, and Strategic Litigation at the Faculty of Law of the Alberto Hurtado University in Chile.

One of the topics in which I have specialized and stood out is the Inter-American Human Rights System, in which I have published several articles and works, and have participated in events and seminars as a speaker and expert. My professional experience has developed in different countries in Latin America, which has allowed me to firsthand know the human rights situation in the region and develop intercultural and teamwork skills.

I have worked in the field of human rights and international law for much of my career, providing legal advice, preparing reports and proposals, and participating in legislative processes and in the establishment of public policies. I have also advised private sector entities on international human rights standards, jurisprudence related to the application of ILO Convention 169 and prior consultation, and the relationship between companies and human rights.

I have taught courses and lectures on human rights, indigenous rights, and international law at various institutions, including the University of Chile, Alberto Hurtado University, and FLACSO Chile. I have also published several articles and reports on human rights issues, including the incorporation of the right to truth in the Inter-American Human Rights System, transitional justice and the implementation of International Labour Organization Convention 169 in Chile.

Regarding my language skills, I speak and write fluently in both Spanish and English, and I have experience speaking and writing professionally in both languages.

Overall, my academic and professional background suggests a strong commitment to human rights and a deep understanding of the constitutional, legal, and political frameworks that support them. I have a proven track record of working on complex legal and political issues and defending justice and equality.