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CHAIRPERSON

Prof. Dr. **Theo van Boven** was born in the Netherlands and obtained a doctorate in law in 1967. He was for ten years, until 1977, a lecturer in human rights at the University of Amsterdam and from 1970 to 1975 he was the Netherlands' representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. From 1977 to 1982 he was Director of the UN Division of Human Rights. Since that time he has been Professor of Law at Maastricht University. In addition, he has served on numerous Councils and Committees dealing with human rights, including the Council of the International Institute of Human Rights (France) and the European Human Rights Foundation (UK), of which he was the Chairman. He is member of the Board of Directors of the International Movement against all Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR).

In later years, Prof. van Boven continued to work for human rights in various fora. He served as an expert member of the UN Sub-Commission on Human Rights and as Special Rapporteur on the Right to Reparation to Victims of Gross Violations of Human Rights. He was a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. He was the first Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. More recently he was the UN HR Council's Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. **Irina Bukova** is the current Director-General of UNESCO. She was Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to France and Monaco, Personal Representative of the Bulgarian President to the "Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie" and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO from 2005 to 2009.

Born in 1952, she obtained an MBA from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations and studied at the universities of Maryland and Harvard in the USA. During her long and distinguished career, she also served as Bulgaria's representative to the United Nations and as her country's Secretary of State for European integration and Foreign Minister. Ms Bokova has long promoted the transition to European integration. As Founder and Chairperson of the European Policy Forum, she worked to overcome divisions in Europe and promote the values of dialogue, diversity, human dignity and rights.

She is Laurea honoris causa in European and International Politics from Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy; Doctor honoris causa from Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russian Federation; Doctor honoris causa in Philosophy and Political Science from Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Republic of Korea. She holds many distinctions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria for contributing to the development and endorsement of Bulgarian foreign policy and was laureated of the Golden Lyre distinction of the Union of Bulgarian Musicians and Dancers for the promotion of Bulgarian music and performance art in France.

Prof. Dr. **Federico Mayor Zaragoza** is a Spanish scholar and politician. Mayor's political postings have included: undersecretary of Education and Science in the Spanish Government (1974-1975) , UCD deputy for Granada region in the Spanish Parliament (1977-1978), advisor to the President of the Government (1977-1978), Minister of Education and Science (1981-1982) and CDS deputy in the European Parliament (1987). In 2005 he is designed Co-President for the High Level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations, by the United Nations Secretary-General. He is member of the Honorary Board of the International Coalition for the

Decade for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence as well as the Honorary Chairman of the Académie de la Paix.

During his 12 years as head of UNESCO (1987–1999) Mayor gave new life to the organization's mission to "build a bastion of peace in the minds of all people", putting the institution at the service of peace, tolerance, human rights and peaceful coexistence, working within the scope of its powers and remaining faithful to its original goals. Under Mayor's guidance, UNESCO created the Culture of Peace Programme, whose objectives revolve around four main themes: education for peace; human rights and democracy; the fight against isolation and poverty; the defence of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue; and conflict prevention and the consolidation of peace. Currently, he is President of the Foundation of Culture of Peace.

Ilm. Ms. **Naomí Martín** holds a degree in Social Work. Since 1995 she is depute at the Asturian Parliament. In 1985 she joined the Communist Youth of Asturias. In 1991 she was elected Secretary General, a position held until 1996. During that period she was a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist Youth Union of Spain. In 1991 she was the first Coordinator of the Youth Area of Izquierda Unida in Asturias.

From 1991 to 1995 she served at the Executive Committee of the Youth Council of the Principality of Asturias. In the 2003-2007 term she was the spokesman of the parliamentary group of Izquierda Unida at the Asturian Parliament. In that legislature she was responsible for the parliamentary group in the committees of Finance and Public Administration, Industry and Employment, Health and Health Services and President of the asturian Customary Law Commission. In the term of 2007-2010 she was member of the Committees on Health and Social Welfare and Health Services

She is currently a member of Federal Political Council of Izquierda Unida and member of the Executive Committee of Izquierda Unida in Asturias. She was elected Secretary General of the Communist Party of Asturias in October 2000.

Exc. Ms. **María Antonia Fernández Felgueroso**, born in Gijón (Asturias), is graduated in Social Work and holds a Law degree from the University of Oviedo.

She had various responsibilities in the regional and local Administration primarily in the field of social policies, development, cooperation and international solidarity. For four years she taught at the School of Social Work at the University of Oviedo.

She was elected Procuradora General (regional ombudsperson) of the Principality of Asturias in a plenary meeting held on 29 June 2006 (BOPA 03/07/2006), and took office on 3 July 2006.

Exc. Mr. **Iñigo Lamarca Iturbe** was graduated in Law from the University of the Basque Country. In 1994 he was Professor of Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of the Basque Country, and conducted several research projects, mainly in the field of law and the Basque autonomous provinces. He has been awarded for his work in defending the rights of persons of homosexual orientation and transgender identity.

He was elected Ombudsman of the Basque Country for the first time on June 18, 2004, and took his position before the plenary session of the Basque Parliament on June 25, 2004. On October 8, 2009, the Basque Parliament re-elected him for a period of five years. He was supported by a large majority of parliamentarians, thus becoming the first Basque Ombudsman serving a second term in the history of this institution. He took again his position before plenary session of the Basque Parliament on October 15, 2009.

During these years his work as head of the institution has relied on the following areas: modernization of the regional ombudsman gaining in quality and effectiveness of the services

provided; to give more visibility to the public institution; to foster closer relationships with social organizations and to deep and expand its work in the fields of knowledge of social reality, especially on individuals and groups in situation of vulnerability.

Exc. Mr. **Mário Soares** (Prime Minister 1976– 8, 1983–4, President 1986–96) was born in Lisbon, he is the son of João Soares, a well-known minister of the First Portuguese Republic (1910– 26) and opponent of the dictatorship of António Salazar. This family background contributed substantially to his political education. He is probably, apart from António Salazar, the most significant Portuguese politician of the twentieth century.

Firstly, he became politically active in the Movement of National Anti-Fascist Unity after the Second World War. He then moved away from the Communist movement and became the leader of the small socialist opposition in Portugal. Nevertheless, he continued to co-operate with other opposition groups, particularly the Communists and republicans. He was imprisoned twelve times and deported to the former Portuguese colony of São Tomé and Príncipe in 1968, for his political activities. In 1970 he was forced into exile in France.

His efforts in refounding the Portuguese Socialist Party succeeded on 19 April 1973 in the Socialist congress held in Bad Munstereiffel, West Germany. The foundation of the Socialist Party was achieved with the help of the Socialist International and the German Social Democrats. After the collapse of the authoritarian regime on 25 April 1974, Soares returned to Portugal and was widely recognized as one of the major leaders of the Opposition. He took part in the first four provisional governments and sixth government.

Dr. **Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann** is a veteran statesman, politician, community leader and priest. Father d'Escoto served for over a decade as the Republic of Nicaragua's Minister for Foreign Affairs, a post he held from July 1979 until April 1990. During his tenure, he played a key role in the Contadora and Esquipulas peace processes to end internal armed conflicts in Central America in the 1980s.

Inspired by the lives and works of such personalities as Leo Tolstoy, M. K. Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dorothy Day, Father d'Escoto is an advocate of multilateralism and respect for international law, and is deeply committed to the principles of active nonviolence, solidarity and social justice, which, together with a deep sense of ethics, have formed the basis of his political life.

Father d'Escoto is the recipient of numerous awards, such as: the Order of Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo (2007), the highest honour awarded by the Catholic University Redemptoris Mater (UNICA), for his work for peace; the Thomas Merton Award (1987), for his commitment to world peace; the Order of Carlos Fonseca Amador (1986), the FSLN's highest honour, for his contributions to international law; the International Lenin Peace Prize (1985/86) awarded by the Soviet Union; the Julio Cortázar Prize for Peace and Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean (1985), awarded by Argentina's Institute of International Relations; and the Alfonso Comín Peace Prize (first recipient, Barcelona, Spain, 1984), which he accepted on behalf of the Nicaraguan people. In June of this year, Father d'Escoto received the unanimous endorsement of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) within the United Nations as its candidate for the Presidency of the sixty-third General Assembly of the United Nations.

Hon. **Douglas James Roche** is a former Canadian politician. He served as Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament (MP) for Edmonton—Strathcona from 1972 to 1979 and for Edmonton South 1979-1984. In 1984, he was appointed Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament, a position he held until 1989. He was appointed to the Senate of Canada on

September 17, 1998, where he served until June 13, 2004. Currently he resides in Edmonton, Alberta.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, he has long been concerned with the issue of nuclear disarmament. He was elected Chairman of the United Nations Disarmament Committee, the main United Nations body dealing with political and security issues, at the 43rd General Assembly in 1988. He is also the author of twenty books, and has contributed chapters to thirteen more. One of the most successful books is titled "The Human Right to Peace" (Ottawa: *Novalis*, Saint Paul University, 2003, 271 p.). From 1989 to 2001, he was appointed Visiting Professor at the University of Alberta, where he taught "War or Peace in the 21st Century?" In 1997, he was chosen by the Students' Union to receive a SALUTE Award for "outstanding contributions to students."

He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, and a leading organizer of the project in which more than 500 members of the Order of Canada have endorsed a call for Canada to commit to working with other countries to achieve a Nuclear Weapons Convention, which would be a global ban on nuclear weapons. He is the founding Chairman of the Middle Powers Initiative, co-sponsored by eight international non-governmental organizations specializing in nuclear disarmament; he now serves as Senior Advisor to the current Chairman, Ambassador Henrik Salander of Sweden.

In 1995, Pope John Paul II presented him with the Papal Medal for his service as Special Adviser on disarmament and security matters. In 1998, the Holy See named him a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. Roche has served as President of the United Nations Association in Canada and was elected in 1985 as Honorary President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations. He was the founding President of Parliamentarians for Global Action, an international network of 1,300 parliamentarians in 99 countries, and wrote *The Case for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly* in 2002.

Prof. Dr. **Adolfo Pérez Esquivel** was born in Buenos Aires in 1931. After training as an architect and sculptor he was appointed Professor of Architecture. In 1974 he relinquished his teaching post in order to devote all his time and energy to the work of co-ordinating the activities of the various non-violent elements in Latin America. It was at a conference in Montevideo in 1968 that the decision was made to set up a joint organisation covering all non-violent elements throughout Latin America. At a conference in 1974 it was decided to give the organisation a more permanent form, and Pérez Esquivel was appointed its Secretary-General. In 1976 he initiated an international campaign aimed at persuading the United Nations to establish a Human Rights Commission, and in this connection a document was drawn up recording breaches of human rights in Latin America. In the Spring of 1977 Pérez Esquivel was imprisoned without cause being shown. In May 1978 he was released, but with the obligation to report to the police as well as being subject to various restrictions. These have subsequently been allowed to lapse, and in 1980 he had an opportunity of visiting Europe.

The organisation of which Pérez Esquivel is the leader, *Servicio Paz y Justicia*, is a well-established one. Latin America is divided into three regions, each with its own offices, and under these come the national organisations. Their activities are co-ordinated from Pérez Esquivel's office in Buenos Aires.

The organisation is based on a Christian view of life, and enjoys close contact with clergy and bishops critical of present-day conditions in Latin America. The chief task of the movement is to promote respect for human rights, a phrase that is intended to include social and economic rights. On the practical level this means that *Servicio* provides assistance to the rural workers in their struggle for land, and to the trade unions in their struggle to protect the rights of their workers. This is done *inter alia* in the form of legal aid. Despite the opposition he has

encountered, Pérez Esquivel insists that the struggle must only be waged with non-violent means.

INVITED SPEAKERS

Ambassador **Anwarul K. Chowdhury** served as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in New York from 2002 to 2007. Prior to that appointment he completed his assignment (1996-2001) as Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York. He also served as Bangladesh's Ambassador to Chile, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela, as well as Bangladesh's High Commissioner to the Bahamas and Guyana. During his tenure as Permanent Representative, Mr. Chowdhury served as President of the Security Council, President of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Executive Board, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council of the UN in 1997 and 1998 and Chairman of the UN General Assembly's Administrative and Budgetary Committee in 1997-98.

He is the recipient of the U Thant Peace Award, UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace and Spirit of the UN Award. He is an Honorary Patron of the Committee on Teaching About the UN (CTAUN), New York. In March 2003, the Soka University of Tokyo, Japan conferred to Ambassador Chowdhury an Honorary Doctorate for his work on women's issues, child rights and culture of peace as well as for the strengthening of the United Nations. He is the Chair of the NGO Committee on International Day of Peace at the UN, New York.

Rev. Dr. **Olav Fykse Tveit** holds a Master in Theology (Candidate Theologiae) from the Norwegian School of Theology/Menighetsfakultetet (NST/MF), Oslo, and a doctorate in theology from the NST/MF, 2002. His doctorate is titled "Mutual Accountability as Ecumenical Attitude". Tveit is a member of the WCC Faith and Order Plenary Commission, co-chair of the WCC Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum core group, a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the Christian Council of Norway, moderator of the Church of Norway - Islamic Council of Norway contact group and also of the Jewish Congregation contact group. He is also a member of the Inter-Faith Council of Norway and a member of the board of trustees of Norwegian Church Aid.

He is General Secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC) as from 1st January 2010, replacing the Rev. Samuel Kobia. He is an ordained pastor in the Church of Norway and has also served as a parish priest in Haram, Møre Diocese, 1988-91 and as an army chaplain during his compulsory year of national service in 1987-88. He was secretary for the Church of Norway Doctrinal Commission, 1999-2000, and Church-State Relations, 2001-02. From 2002 to 2009, Tveit was the general secretary of the Church of Norway Council on Ecumenical and International Relations. He was elected as the seventh general secretary of the WCC in August 2009 during its Central Committee meeting. Tveit is the youngest general secretary since Willem Visser't Hooft, who had led the WCC while it was in process of formation and following its founding assembly in 1948.

Prof. Dr. **Mario Jorge Yutzis**, Argentinean, holds a degree in theology from the Lutheran School of Theology of Joseph C. Peace (Buenos Aires, Argentina) and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Strasbourg.

He is currently Professor Emeritus of Instituto ISEDET University, Faculty of Theology and former head of the Department of Philosophical Anthropology, Hermeneutic and Faith and Culture in Latin America. He has been a visiting lecturer in universities in the United States, Canada and Switzerland.

He has been Vice President and Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination from 1984 to 2007. From that position and as independent expert, he has completed monitoring and advisory missions in the human rights field, specially the UN Advisory Service and Technical Assistance Program on Human Rights in Croatia during the conflict with Serbia, Guatemala and El Salvador. He was also elected as a member of the Contact Group of CERD to the UN Human Rights Commission and the Durban Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

He was elected expert with the support of the Argentine government at the International Expert Workshop on the Right of Peoples to Peace organized by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in December 2009. He is currently Vice President of International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR).

Mr. **Carlos Villán Durán** is a free-lance professor of international human rights law; Co-Director of the Master on International Human Rights Protection at the University of Alcala (Madrid); former staff member of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, 1982-2005); and President of the Spanish Society for the International Human Rights Law. He is author of 125 publications on international human rights law.

Dr. **Wolfgang S. Heinz** is senior researcher and policy adviser at the German Institute for Human Rights responsible for international fight against terrorism, for human rights and also for United Nations Human Rights system. He is a senior lecturer in political science at the Free University in Berlin. He is a member of the European Committee on the Prevention of Torture since 2005 and rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee's drafting group for the promotion of the right of peoples to peace.

Dr. **Mona Zulficar** is President of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee's drafting group on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace. She has been an active advocate for human rights and women's rights in Egypt and internationally. Furthermore, she has played an instrumental role in advocating the issue of a new liberal NGO law since the early 1990's and spearheaded the NGO campaign and initiated negotiations with the Government, which physically started in her office in 1998 and which culminated in the issue of the new NGO Law passed in 1999.

Since the late 1990's, Mona Zulficar started advocating the establishment of a national council for human rights based on the Paris Principles. In 2002, she convened meetings with a large group of human rights NGOs and built consensus over demands by the NGO community to establish the council.

Prof. Dr. **Chinsung Chung** is graduated in Sociology by the Seoul National University (SNU) and holds a Ph.D. in Sociology by the University of Chicago (USA). Currently, she is associated Professor at the Department of Sociology of the Seoul National University, Director of the Institute for Social Development and Policy Research (SNU), member of the Gender Equality Committee at the Asia Institute of Technology (Thailand) and Chair of the Graduate Program for Gender Studies (SNU). She has been Director of the Institute of Gender Research (SNU).

She is President of the Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy, member of the Korean House for International Solidarity, member of Managing Committee of the Korean Institute for Social Movement Research, Advisor of the People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (NGO), member of the Board of Trustee, Korean Institute of Gender Research and member of the Board of Trustee of the Korean Institute for Women's Social Education. She is member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee's drafting group on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace.

Mr. **Peter Weiss** is an international lawyer who is devoting his retirement to three objectives.

As a Vice President of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York he is working for the elimination of torture and for a rights- based world order. As President of the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy he litigates and advocates for a world free of nuclear weapons. And as a member of the Executive Committee of Americans for Peace Now he supports a just and peaceful resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict for both peoples.

Ms. **Cora Weiss** is the President of the Hague Appeal for Peace. She ran the disarmament program at The Riverside Church from 1978-88 during the ministry of Rev. William Sloane Coffin. She was a leader of Women Strike for Peace when it worked to educate public opinion on the perils of atmospheric nuclear testing and became a leader in the Vietnam anti-war movement. She has devoted her life to the movements for civil rights, human rights, peace and gender justice. She was the past president of the International Peace Bureau, which she represents at the United Nations. The Hague Appeal for Peace focuses on peace education. The Hague Appeal conference in 1999 had two banner calls: Time to Abolish War and Peace is a Human Right.

Prof. Dr. **Douglass Cassel** is Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights of the University of Notre Dame. He has also been named by the University as a Notre Dame Presidential Fellow. He has filed several amicus curiae briefs in the United States Supreme Court, involving the rights of prisoners at Guantanamo, and accountability for human rights violations under the Alien Tort Claims Act. He represents victims of human rights violations in Colombia, Guatemala, Peru and Venezuela, in cases before the Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights. He is also an award-winning commentator. His regular commentaries on human rights are broadcast on Chicago Public Radio, published in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, and accessible on the website of the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Professor Cassel has served as Legal Advisor to the United Nations Commission on the Truth for El Salvador; Executive Council member of the American Society of International Law; co-chair of the International Committee of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Chair of the Independent International Panel on Alleged Collusion in Sectarian Killings in Northern Ireland; and consultant to the Department of State, Department of Justice, Ford Foundation, the President of the American Bar Association, and non-governmental human rights organizations. In 2000 and again in 2003, he was nominated by the US Government, and elected by the Organization of American States, to serve on the Board of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas, of which he was elected President. Since 2000 he has been President of the Due Process of Law Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., which promotes judicial reform throughout the hemisphere.

Dr. Jesus Maria Alemany Briz is President of the Foundation Research Seminar for Peace of Zaragoza since 2002, and director of this institution since its inception in 1984. He is founding member of AIPAZ (Spanish Association for Peace Research). Currently he is member of the Advisory Council of Intermón-Oxfam. From 1972 to 1999, he took part of the Justice and Peace Commission of Spain.

He was director of Center Pignatelli of Zaragoza (1972-1975), director of its Cultural Department (1976-1999), and currently board member. He was visiting professor at the Faculty of Theology at the University P. Comillas in Madrid and ordinary professor at the Regional Center for Theological Studies of Aragon. His teaching and research has focused on theological and society, culture and justice, as well as, culture of peace and analysis of international relations.

He has been awarded with the Peace Memorial John XXIII in 1997, the Medal of the Parliament of Aragon in 1999 and in the same year was named Son of the City of Zaragoza. In 2003 the Government of Aragon awarded him with the Education Medal of Aragon. In 2004 the City of Zaragoza put his name to the Cultural Centre Library in Casablanca on the occasion of the International Day of Peace and Nonviolence. In 2007 the Ministry of Education and Science awarded him with the Cross of the Civil Order of Alfonso X the Wise.

Dr. Carmen Magallón Portolés is director of the Seminary Foundation for Peace Research of Centre Pignatelli in Zaragoza. She is graduated in physics, DEA (Diploma of Advanced Studies) in Philosophy and Ph.D. in Physics at the program on History and Philosophy of Science. She is member of the Genciana Group of the Interdisciplinary Seminar on Women's Studies at the University of Zaragoza, she also is professor of physics and chemistry. She has been technical advisor for teacher in education and associate professor at the University of Zaragoza. She participates at the journal entitled "En Pie de Paz", and is vice president of the Spanish Association for Peace Research (AIPAZ). Her research focuses on the history of women in science, the epistemological analysis of scientific work, and the relationships between gender, science and culture of peace.

Dr. Carmelo Faleh Pérez is graduated in International and European Law by the Catholic University of Lovaina and University of Lieja, Doctor in International Law by the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and Professor of Public International Law at the Law School of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. He is the current Secretary General of the Spanish Society for the International Human Rights Law. He has published relevant research papers and books on historical memory, the prohibition of torture and ill treatment, the international mechanisms of human rights protection, migrant workers and racism.

Mr. David Fernández Puyana is bachelor in Philosophy and Education Science by the University of Barcelona (Spain) and Graduated in Law by School of Law University of Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain); Master in International Studies by University of Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain); Master in International Human Rights Protection by the University of Alcalá (Madrid) and holder of the LL.M. in International Human Rights Law by the University of Essex (Colchester, UK). He is the Director of the World Campaign on the Human Right to Peace and the representative of the Spanish Society for the International Human Rights Law in Geneva.

Mr. Jose Luis Gómez del Prado is a member of the UN HR Council's Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries, servicing in his personal capacity as a human rights independent expert (2005-2011). He also chaired the Group for the period 2007-2008 and presented a number of reports to the UN Human Rights Council and the General Assembly. Besides, he is a member of the Advisory Group of the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) Private Security Regulation Net. He also served as a member of the U.N. Advisory Group of the Voluntary Fund in the First International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

As former senior UN human rights officer (1981-1997) he was in charge of advisory services and human rights field presences of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; he has been responsible and innovator of the UN Human Rights Advisory and Technical Cooperation Program, establishing field offices and elaborating cooperation programs in Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Cambodia, Mongolia, Palestine, the Region of the Great Lakes of Central Africa, Romania and Georgia. He has been Senior Coordinator of the World Conference against Racism (Durban 2001) assisting the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Mary Robinson. He received the Venezuelan Order of J. Francisco de León.

Mr. **Alfred L. Marder** is President of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, Vice President of the World Peace Council, and President of the US Peace Council. Chairman, City of New Haven Peace Commission. Chairman, State of Connecticut, USA Freedom Trail. President, Amistad Committee, Inc. Fellow, Yale University Divinity School; Legion of Honour, Mexico; Bronze Star Award, US Army.

Dr. **Zonke Zanele Majodina** is current member of the UN Human Rights Committee and former Deputy Chair-person and Commissioner at the South African Human Rights Commission. She was responsible for the right to equality as well as the rights of non-nationals, focusing on refugees, asylum-seekers and migration policy. She has professional membership to the International Society for Health and Human Rights, African Institute of South Africa, African Township Health Advocacy Group, South African Refugee Relief Fund, Black Management Forum South Africa and Institutional and Social Development Foundation.

She represented the SAHRC at the 2005 meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission, 2005 UN Social Forum meeting, 2005 Migration Roundtable, 2004 Conference of the International Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions. She has also attended African Union Conference of National Human Rights Institutions as well as meetings, seminars and workshops organized by the Coordinating Committee of African National Human Rights Institutions.

Dr. **Álvaro Garcés** is a Uruguayan lawyer who holds the post of National Parliamentary Commissioner for Prisons. He also teaches Philosophy of Law and Legal Evolution of Institutions at the University of the Republic. From 1998 onwards, he served as Public Defender in Criminal Affairs. He is the author of a dozen publications on human rights.

Mr. **Alejandro Teitelbaum** is a lawyer, graduated by the Faculty of Law at the University of Buenos Aires and diplomated in international economic relations by the Institute of Economic and Social Development at the University of Paris I (France). He was representative of the International Federation of Human Rights and the American Association of Jurists before the office of the United Nations in Geneva from 1985 to 2006.

He is author of numerous papers and publications on human rights in general, but in particular the economic, social and cultural rights and documents about the invasion of Panama, the Gulf War, the Balkan wars, Iraq and Yugoslavia. His latest book is entitled "The armor of capitalism. The power of transnational corporations in the contemporary world". (Icaria Editorial, Spain, in January 2010).

Dr. **Gustavo Gallon Giraldo** has served as director of the Colombian Commission of Jurists since its inception in 1988. In June 1998 he was elected to the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and in April 2004 he was appointed to be member of the executive committee of the ICJ. Dr. Gallon has been judge ad hoc of the Constitutional Court of Colombia. From 1999 to 2002 he served as UN Special Rapporteur on Equatorial Guinea. He also participated in the peace process in Colombia as an independent expert of the "Commission to overcome violence," established in 1991 as a result of peace agreements between the Colombian government and two guerrilla groups.

He is member of the boards of several organizations, such as the Center for Justice and International Law, and the Andean Commission of Jurists. Dr. Gallón received his law degree from the External University of Colombia, and an MA (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies) at the University of Paris. He also conducted doctoral studies in political sociology at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris. He is author and editor of several books and articles on human rights and rule of law, such as "Peace, Democracy and Human Rights in Colombia" (peace, democracy and human rights in Colombia), Notre Dame University Press,

2007.

Mr. **Lothar Witte** is Resident Representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Madrid. Before assuming this post, he was Representative of the FES in Tunisia. He has also worked for the International Policy Analysis Unit of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and as a freelance consultant in development policy. Lothar Witte holds a Master's degree in Sociology (University of Berlin) and an M.A. in Economics (Vanderbilt University, Nashville/Tn.).

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