

Personal data

Date of birth: 4 April, 1947.

Place of birth: San Luis, Argentina.

Professional Background

Legal, Economic and Social Sciences.

Specialization: Public International Law

Branch: Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.

Expert on State Reform, and International Cooperation and Negotiation.

Current Post

President of the *Auditoría General de la Nación* (National Audit Office of Argentina), since March 2002.

Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Committee on the independence of judges and lawyers. –since 2003–

Diplomatic posts and experience

2001/1999 **Special International Human Rights Representative**, *Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Culto y Comercio Internacional* [Ministry of Foreign Relations, Cult and International Trade]. Diplomatic rank: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

2000 **Head of the Argentine Delegation** during the 56^o period of sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

Member of the Argentine delegation before the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS).

1986 President of the Argentine delegation in the XXV Red Cross International Conference.

1989-1984 **General Director of Human Rights** of the *Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores* [Ministry of Foreign Relations], with the rank of **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary**.

Head of the Argentine delegation before the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

Member of the Argentine delegation before the United Nations General Assembly (third committee).

Member of the Argentine delegation before the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Experience in the United Nations in the area of Human Rights

Since 2003, Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Committee on the independence of judges and lawyers.

2002/2001 President of the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

1987 President of the First International Conference of the Parties in the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

1994/1984 Member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (today, Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights). In this position, he performed, among others, the following functions: General Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission in its 37th period of sessions. Document E/CN.4/Sub.2/1984/43

Special Rapporteur in charge of making, each year, the list of countries under State of Siege or emergency. Annual report subject to the consideration of the Sub-Commission and the Human Rights Committee. This work ended with a thorough study on the “Protection of Human Rights under states of siege or emergency” (see Document E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/19 and E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/19/Add.1)

President of the Sub-Commission in its 39th period of sessions. 1987

Special Rapporteur on disabled people and Human Rights. Study edited by the United Nations as Publication N 6 – 1993. Report with a general scope on the situation of Human Rights regarding disabled people. Approach of policies and National Plans to promote equal opportunities and the actual exercise of basic rights of disabled people.

Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights. Report published as document E/CN.4/Sub.2/1996/13 (United Nations, Geneva). This is a global study on the scope, the severity and the aggravation of poverty in the world. Review of the national and international measures and mechanisms for its eradication.

Experience on the area of International Humanitarian Law

2002-1986 **Speaker** in different conferences and courses organized by the **International Institute of Humanitarian Law of San Remo and the International Committee of the Red Cross.**

Member of the Group of Experts and Advisors of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Experience on international negotiations 1993/1994

Assistant of the Special Representative of Secretary General of the United Nations, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, and of the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Baena Suarez, in the joint mission between the UN and the OAS in Haiti. Active participation in the negotiations that concluded with the return to the

country of the constitutional president Jean Bertrand Aristide. Mediation that took place during the most critical period of the crisis in Haiti.

International Cooperation in the area of institutional strengthening

1999 **UNDP expert** on the Evaluation of the Governance Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean – UNDP Evaluation Office. It covers, among others, the study of scope of the decentralization processes encouraged by the **Brazilian** authorities.

1998 – 1997 **Expert of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**. Advisor to the authorities of **PARAGUAY** on the development of public policies and, in particular, on the adaptation of the national legislation to the regulations and principles under the international conventions and treaties signed by the country.

PNUD Expert. Advisor to the authorities of **EQUATORIAL GUINEA** on State reform.

1992-1991 **UN Expert**. Advisor to the authorities of **PARAGUAY** on institutional reform and the consolidation of the process of transition to Democracy. Document E/CN.4/1994/78/Add.1

UN Expert. Advisor to the authorities of the **RUSSIAN FEDERATION** on the development of an “adequate regulatory framework to tackle emergency situations”.

1990 **UN Expert. Advisor to the Chancellery of Ecuador** on the implementation of international agreements on the protection of political refugees in that country. The Chancellor at the time was Mr. Diego Cordobez.

Academic experience within the country and abroad

2006 Written presentation in Harvard University. Conferences on judicial dialogue

2000-1985- Courses delivered in the **Inter - American Institute of Human Rights**, Costa Rica; in the Universities of Lima, Peru; Caracas, Venezuela and other academic centers in Europe, the United States and Latin America.

Professor at the postgraduate course on “**International Relations**”, UBA (University of Buenos Aires).

Professor of International Public Law at the *FacC de Derecho y Cs.Sociales* [Law and Social Sciences Faculty], UBA.

Professor in the postgraduate course on “International Relations”, UBA.

Professor of Human Rights at the *Institut Internationaldes Droits de l’Homme*, Strasbourg, France.

Courses delivered at the *Institut International de l'Administration Publique*, Paris, France.

1982 **Professor of Human Rights**, *Centre International de Formation et Recyclage des Enseignants des Droits de l'Homme*, Strasbourg, France.

1975-1977 **Professor of Political economy**, University of Paris VIII, France.

Head of Research and Publications of the *Instituto de Derecho Comparado de la Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales* [Institute of Comparative Law of the Law and Social Sciences Faculty], UBA.

Professor of Commercial Law. *Fac. de Ciencias Económicas* [Faculty of Economic Sciences], UBA.

Professor of History of Political Institutions at the *Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales* [Law and Social Sciences Faculty], UBA.

Professor on Political Sociology, *Facultad de Filosofía y Letras de la Universidad de Buenos Aires* [Philosophy and Literature Faculty], UBA.