**ANNEX III**

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

**Family name and first name:** Beloff, Mary

**Date and place of birth:** November 17th, 1967

**Place of residence:** Buenos Aires

**Nationality:** Argentine

**Email address:**

**United Nations working languages:** Spanish (native speaker); English (proficient); French (intermediate)

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

Chair of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, University of Buenos Aires School of Law, 2013-present.

Director of research, Girls' rights in the juvenile justice system, University of Buenos Aires Law School, 2019-present.

General Prosecutor on Criminal Policy, Human Rights and Community Services, Argentina, 2007-present.

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

Member, International Advisory Board, *UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty,* 2018/2019.

Senior consultant, Oaxaca, Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon and Zacatecas, *Juvenile Justice Acts* and *Criminal Procedure Codes*, 2005/2007; consultant, Paraguay, *Childhood and Adolescence Code* and *Adoption Law*, 1995/1998; Guatemala, Children’s Rights Committee, *Childhood and Adolescence Code*, July 1993; El Salvador, *Juvenile Justice Act*,1993.

Member, NGO’s Advisory Board, *UN Study on Violence against Children*, 2003/2006.

Child Rights Specialist, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS, 2002/2003.

Legal consultant, UNICEF TACR, Child Protection Area, 1997/1999; UNICEF Dominican Republic, Child Protection Area, 1999; UNICEF Honduras, Child Protection Area, Childhood and Adolescence Code, 1996/1999; UNICEF Argentina, Child Protection Area, 1996/1998.

Legal consultant, UNDP/UNOPS, Justice Reform Project, Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice System, 1998/1999.

Legal consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Conditions of deprivation of liberty of children in El Salvador, February/March 1998.

Academic Director, Centro de Estudios Legales de Infancia y Juventud (CELIJ/INECIP), 1994/2001.

**Educational background:**

Ph.D., *summa cum laude*, University of Buenos Aires School of Law, 2013; Dissertation: *Niños rigurosamente vigilados. Origen, crisis y refundación de la justicia juvenil en América Latina a partir del derecho internacional de los derechos humanos* [*Closely watched children. Origin, crisis and re-foundation of juvenile justice in Latin America base don international human rights law*].

LL.M., Harvard Law School, 1996; Dissertation: *Children’s rights and the resistance of the idea of punishment.*

J.D, *with honors,* University of Buenos Aires School of Law, 1991.

LL.B., University of Buenos Aires School of Law, 1989.

Student, Anthropological Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, School of Arts and Sciences, 1987/1991.

**Relevant expertise on children’s rights:**

As a leading academic figure as well as a recognized activist in the field of children’s rights throughout Latin America, Prof. Beloff was delegated with the responsibilities of providing continuing education to judges, prosecutors, public defenders and NGO’s members for years; and as a legal consultant on criminal justice and human rights matters to various Latin American governments and international organizations (UNICEF, IDB, UNOPS, ILANUD, OAS, UNDP), she has been involved in the process of adopting international children’s human rights law at the domestic level through legal and institutional reforms all over the region. Prof Beloff is responsible for drafting many of the modern Latin-American legislations on child protection and juvenile justice in several countries. As a young adjunct professor, she taught the first course on juvenile justice and child rights at the University of Buenos Aires where she became the first woman to hold a Chair in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure; and as a legal scholar, she has made significant contributions to the jurisprudence related to the direct application of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international instruments in domestic law.

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

Author of more than a hundred scientific articles on children’s rights, human rights and criminal justice, only books related to children’s rights are listed below:

Beloff, Mary, *Derechos del niño. Su protección especial en el Sistema Interamericano* [*Children’s rights. Their special protection in the Inter-American System*], Buenos Aires, Ad Hoc, 1st ed. 2018, 2nd ed. 2019, 3rd ed. forthcoming 2022.

Beloff, Mary, *¿Qué hacer con la justicia juvenil?* [*What to do with juvenile justice?*], Buenos Aires, Ad Hoc, 1sted. 2016, 2nd ed. Forthcoming 2022.

Beloff (Dir.), *Nuevos problemas de la justicia juvenil* [*New problems of juvenile justice*], Buenos Aires, Ad Hoc, 2017.

Beloff, Mary, *Protección a la niñez en América Latina. Fortalezas y debilidades* [*Child protection in Latin America. Strengths and weaknesses*], Poder Judicial de Nuevo León, Monterrey, 2014.

Beloff, Mary (Dir.), *Estudios sobre edad penal y derechos del niño* [*Studies on criminal age and children’s right*], Buenos Aires, Ad Hoc, 2012.

Beloff, Mary (Dir.), *Convención sobre los Derechos del Niño comentada, anotada y concordada* [*Convention on the Rights of the Child commented, annotated and concorded*], Buenos Aires, La Ley, 2012.

1. It should be noted that membership in the Committee on the Rights of the Child requires participation in three (January/February, May/June and September /October) sessions of three weeks duration each 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)