

## **ADVANCE UNEDITED VERSION**

### **Dr. Rafael RIVAS POSADA Curriculum Vitae**

**Place and date of birth:** Santafé de Bogotá, 5 April 1932  
**Marital status:** Married, two children  
**Foreign languages:** English, French

#### **University Studies**

Universidad Nacional, Law, Santafé de Bogotá, 1950-1954

Master of Law and Political Science, 1956, Final dissertation: "General Theory on Legal Transactions", for which he was awarded the Medalla del Mérito Universitario José Félix de Restrepo, 1957

#### **Postgraduate Studies**

Université de Paris, Department of Law, Paris, 1956-1958, Civil Law courses (within the Ph.D. curriculum) Scholarship of the French Government

Université de Paris, Institut de droit comparé, Paris, 1956-1958

Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands, 1961-1963, Masters Degree in Public Administration. Final dissertation: "Regional development corporations: a method for administration"

Princeton University, United States of America, 1965-1968, Ph.D. studies in Political Science. Ph.D. candidate; final dissertation: "The Colombian political party system: models of political competition"; Ford Foundation scholarship

#### **Professional Background**

Municipal Judge at Utica (Cundinamarca), 1955-1956

Minister of Public Finance, Bogotá, 1958

Attorney of the Province of Cundinamarca, 1958-1960

Private practice as lawyer - Bogota, 1971-1975

National Coordinator of the UNDP/UNESCO Programme, Bogotá, 1975

Minister of National Education, 1977-1978

General Manager of Empresa Colombiana de Producción y Distribución de Bienes Culturales, Procultura S.A., Bogotá, 1981-1982

Member of the Peace Commission of the Colombian Government, 1982-1985

Assistant Director of the Colombian Liberal Party, 1985-1986

### **Academic Experience**

Professor at Escuela Superior de Administración Pública (ESAP), Bogotá, 1963-1965

Professor at Universidad del Valle (Cali, Colombia), 1965-1970

Head of the Political Science Department, Universidad del Valle, 1968-1969

Dean of the Department of Economic and Social Science, Universidad del Valle, 1970

Dean of the Department of Arts and Sciences, Universidad de Los Andes (Bogotá), 1970-1971

Professor at Universidad de Los Andes, 1970-1975

Head of University, Universidad de Los Andes, 1982-1985

Director, Center for International Studies, Universidad de Los Andes, 1996-1997

### **Diplomatic Background**

Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, 1975-1977

Vice-President, Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, New York, 1976

Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council. President of the Social Committee and the Economic Committee of the Council

Chairman of the Ad-hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices, United Nations, 1976-1977

President of the Intergovernmental Conference of UNESCO on Cultural Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, Bogotá, 1978

Head of the Colombian delegation to the tenth special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, devoted to disarmament, New York, 1978

Regional Coordinator of UNESCO for Latin America and the Caribbean, Caracas, Venezuela, 1979-1981

Delegate of Colombia to the World Conference on Culture, organized by UNESCO, Mexico, 1982

Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for the study of the human rights situation in Uruguay, 1982-1985

Independent resource person of the Commission on Human Rights for the study of the human rights situation in Paraguay

Colombian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Communities, Brussels, 1986-1988

Member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Geneva, 1988-1991

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Colombia at the United Nations Office and other international bodies based in Geneva, 1989-1991

Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the human rights situation in Cuba, 1991-1992

Member of the Consultative Group of International Experts for the International Committee of the Red Cross, 1992-1995

Commissioner member for Panel A on the study of reparations concerning the Gulf War, United Nations Compensation Commission, Geneva, 1994-1996

Member of the National Group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration of The Hague

Member of the Human Rights Committee, 2000-2008

Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee, 2007-2008