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Date and place of birth: 16 August 1949, Lima, Peru

Working languages: Spanish, English and French

Current position/function:

President of the Institute for Public Safety, with projects in Chilca, Huancayo, Tacna, Ayacucho and Cajamarca. Consultant for the Colombian human rights programme of Management Sciences for Development (MSD) on the preparation of a compendium of jurisprudential standards of the universal and inter-American system of human rights on the use of force and firearms, and the handbook and rules of the Colombian National Police on the use of force and firearms.

Main professional activities:

In the past two years:

Projects related to the prevention of violence, working with children and young people, preparing "maps of fear" for districts and provinces, to improve district, provincial and regional plans for public safety. Consultancy services on compensation and reparation for victims of the internal armed conflict in Guatemala. Impact assessment of the decade-long presence in Colombia of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Evaluation of the Guatemalan Presidential Human Rights Commission. Preparation of handbook for torture victims.

Educational background:

Teacher, first-class (secondary school). Degree certificate.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Public policies on childhood and adolescence: social programmes, prevention of youth violence; establishment of a national programme to prevent and deal with physical, psychological and sexual abuse; national consultations on the National Action Plan for Children and Adolescents; establishment of the Organized Youth Initiatives Project, a policy on teenagers and young people (a grant fund in Peru); evaluation and proposal for reform of the National Family Welfare Institute as regards children and young people at social risk.
- Disputes concerning children's law before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; monitoring the situation of children in countries in the hemisphere, through publication of chapters on the rights of children and young people in country reports.

List of most recent publications in the field:

"La infancia y sus derechos en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos" (Children and their rights in the inter-American human rights system).

"El derecho a la educación: buenas prácticas de exigibilidad en el hemisferio" (The right to education: good practice in enforceability in the hemisphere) (in preparation).