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ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISION OF WOMEN

(Item 4 on the Agenda)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE CIM

VOTE

Under Article 10 of the Statute of the Commission, only principal or alternate delegates to the Inter-American Commission of Women shall be entitled to vote in the Assemblies. Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the CIM provides that "members of the delegations shall be accredited by their respective governments by written communication to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States."

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

As the principal delegates are aware, pursuant to existing statutory and regulatory provisions, the President of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), the Honorable Jacqui Quinn-Leandro wrote, on July 22, 2008, to the ambassadors, permanent representatives to the Organization of American States to notify governments of their eligibility for the posts of President, Vice President, and member countries of the Executive Committee of the CIM for the period 2008-2010 (Note No. 07-069/08).

As of the date of preparation of this document, several nominations were received, which are listed below:

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

A. FOR PRESIDENT

Articles 14 and 15 of the Statute of the Commission and the corresponding article of its Rules of Procedure, Article 22, establish that the Commission shall elect its President from among the principal delegates of the member states that are members of the Commission, taking into consideration the principle of equitable geographic distribution and that the President shall be elected by an absolute majority of the delegates that are members of the Commission.

It is also established that the election shall be held at the regular Assembly held in the year in which the President's term of office expires or at a special Assembly convoked for that purpose.

As of the date of this document, one candidacy for the post of President has been received.

On February 1, 2008, the Government of **Argentina** announced that it will be nominate the Principal Delegate to the CIM, **Ambassador Magdalena M. Faillace** for the post of **President** of the Inter-American Commission of Women for the period 2008-2010. On February 2, 2008, the Executive Secretary forwarded that information to the ambassadors, permanent representatives to the Organization of American States. Her curriculum vitae are attached in **Annex I**.

On July 28, 2008, the Government of Argentina announced that it was withdrawing its candidacy. On July 31, 2008, the Executive Secretary transmitted that information to the ambassadors, permanent representatives to the Organization of American States.

B. FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Article 18 of the Statute provides that the Vice President shall be elected at the same Assembly at which the President of the Commission is elected, in the same manner, and for the same term of office.

On March 13, 2008, the Government of **Honduras** announced that it would nominate its Principal Delegate, **Minister Selma Estrada** for the post of **Vice President** of the Inter-American Commission of Women for the period 2008-2010. On July 31, 2008, the Executive Secretary forwarded that information to the ambassadors, permanent representatives to the Organization of American States. Her curriculum vitae are attached in **Annex II.**

On September 2, 2008, the Government of Honduras announced that it was withdrawing its candidacy. On September 4, 2008, the Executive Secretary transmitted that information to the ambassadors, permanent representatives to the Organization of American States.

ANNEX I

MAGDALENA M. FAILLACE

Bachelor's Degree in Literature– University instructor

1. POSITIONS

- Director of the Journal *"Signos Universitarios,"* Office of the Rector, University of El Salvador (1978-86).

- Adviser, Education and Culture Commission, Honorable Chamber of Deputies of the Nation (1988-92).

- Coordinator, National Commission on the Fifth Centennial of the Secretariat of Culture of the Nation (1989-91).

- Adviser, Secretariat of International Relations, University of Buenos Aires (1991-92).

- Adviser, Government of the Province of Buenos Aires (1988-89), Ministry of Government and Secretariat of Culture.

- Adviser to the Minister of Education of the Nation (1992-93).

- National Director of Sectoral Relations, Ministry of Education (1993-94).

- Assistant Secretary of Culture of the Nation (June 1994-June 1996).

- President of the Council of CERLALC (Regional Center for Book Promotion in Latin America and the Caribbean Islands), a UNESCO body (1995-96).

- National Director of Cultural Heritage, Secretariat of Culture, Office of the President (1997-99).

- Overall coordinator of the project on social development and job generation through cultural tourism circuits with historic monuments (IDB AR 199), Secretariat of Culture, Office of the President (1996-1999).

- President, National Commission on Museums, Monuments, and Historic Places (September 1995-May 2001).

- Vice President, Argentine Chapter, MERCOSUR Women's Forum, since 1995.

- Regional Coordinator of Culture and Education, MERCOSUR Women's Forum.

- Adviser, Secretariat of the Economic Policy, Ministry of the Economy of the Nation (May 2002-May 2003).

- Director, Master's Program in Cultural Tourism in MERCOSUR, University of Palermo (2001-2005).

- Author of numerous publications on education, and on cultural policy, in particular relating to property and matters of integration, social development, and MERCOSUR.

- Cultural Coordinator, Summit of the Americas (2005).

- Assistant Secretary of Culture, Secretariat of Culture, Office of the President (June 2003-December 2004).

- Coordinator, Special Cultural Projects Unit, foreign ministry (January 2006-June 2006).

- Special Representative for Women's Issues in the International Arena, foreign ministry, present.

2. ACTIVITIES AT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Head of Delegation of the Specialized Meeting of Women of MERCOSUR, XVIII, November 2007, Uruguay; XVII, May 2007, Paraguay; XVI, November 2006, Brazil.

- Head of Delegation, First Ibero-American Conference on Gender, October 11-12, 2007.

- Head of Delegation, 10th Regional Conference on Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, August 6-9, 2007.

- Head of Delegation, Subregional Meeting for the 10th Regional Conference on Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, May 28-29, 2007.

- Head of Delegation, 51st session, Commission on the Status of Women (ECOSOC-UN), February 26-March 9, 2007.

- Representative of the First Lady at the official inauguration of the Fundación América Latina en Acción Solidaria (ALAS), December 12, 2006.

- Head of Delegation, Thirty-third Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women, OAS, November 13-15, 2006.

- Head of Delegation, Meeting of the Steering Committee, ECLAC Regional Conference on Women, October 3-4, 2006.

- Coordinator, Working Group on Gender Equity and Violence against Women, comprising eight national government agencies, Palacio San Martín, Buenos Aires.
- President, Ad hoc Follow-up Committee, Beijing Platform for Action.

- Co-organizer, Seminar on the "Gender Perspective and the Millennium Development Goals," with UNIFEM-Brasilia and ECLAC, Palacio San Martín, Buenos Aires, August 16, 2006.

- Representative of the foreign ministry, Meeting of the MERCOSUR Forum on Creative Industries, promoted by the regional office of UNESCO-Montevideo, Villa Ocampo de San Isidro.

- Presenter of the paper on "Women and human development," XIII Conference of First Ladies and Representatives of Presidents and Heads of State of the Americas, Asunción, Paraguay, September 28-30, 2005.

- Head of Delegation, Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts on the Preliminary Draft Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, Paris, France, September 20-26, 2004.

- Head of Delegation, 28th Session of the World Heritage Committee, Suzhou, China, June 28-July 7, 2004.

- Argentine Delegate, meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of MERCOSUR (CRPM) with the Ministers of Culture and Cinema and Audiovisual Authorities of MERCOSUR and Associated Countries, Montevideo, Uruguay, April 19, 2004.

- Head of Delegation, meeting for preparation of the nomination of Qhapaq Ñan for the World Heritage List, Cuzco, Peru, October 24-25, 2003.

- Head of Delegation, 32° General Conference of UNESCO, Paris, France, October 9-13, 2003.

- Head of Argentine delegation, first meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIC) in the framework of CIDI/OAS, in charge of the Second Vice Chair, with Chile. Mexico, September 4-5, 2003.

- Head of Argentine delegation, meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIC) in the framework of CIDI/OAS, in charge of the Second Vice Chair, with Chile. Washington, February 2004.

- Presenter, head of Argentine delegation, **MERCOSUR Cultural Heritage Meeting**, organized by the Council on National Monuments of the Republic of Chile, held in the city of Chiloé, November 13-18, 1998.

- Head of Delegation of the Argentine Government, meetings of the **UNESCO World Heritage Committee, 1995 and 1997.**

- Panelist, roundtable discussion **"The communications media, their influence on the new political culture and the role of women,"** at the seminar organized by the Women's Council, NGOs, and the Instituto Catalá de la Dona of the Government of Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, October 1995.

- Presenter, representing the Minister of Culture and Education, **Meeting of Administrators of Cultural Affairs**, Quito, Ecuador, July 1995.

- Presenter, week devoted to **Communication and Culture,** panel on "Cultural supplements," Casa de América, Madrid, Spain, June 1995.

- Chair, roundtable discussion **"Satellites in Ibero-American Communication,"** Fifth Ibero-American Meeting on Communications: TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AND COMMUNICATION, Mérida, Spain, October 3-6, 1990.

- Coordinator, Committee N° 5, "New political and organizational expressions," First **Multidisciplinary Research Seminar,** organized by the **Scientific Research Committee of the Province of Buenos Aires and the Centre de la Recherche Scientifique,** April 17-21, 1989. Drafter of the presentation given by the Assistant secretariat of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Government, Province of Buenos Aires.

- Panelist, roundtable discussion on "**Literature and Social Reality," First National Congress on Ibero-American Literature,** organized by the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, UBA, with the paper entitled "José M. Arguedas and the social and historical conflicts of the new Peru," July 1986.

ANNEX II

Curriculum Vitae International
Attorney at-Law Selma Estrada

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA:

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INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIONS:

- Minister of the National Women´s Institute in Honduras (2006 to date).
- Ambassador before the Inter-American Woman´s Commission (CIM) of the OAS (2006 to date).
- First Vice-President of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) (2006 to date).
- Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Regional Conference of the Latin American and the Caribbean on Women (2006 to date).
- Head of the Delegation of the Honduras High Level Commission that presented the review to the CEDAW Committee (2007).

PARTICIPATIONS:

- 50th. Session period of the Commission on Women´s Juridical Situation, New York (UN FPA).
- COMMCA (Council of Minister Women of Central America and Panama) (PAHO).

- 30th. Session period of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLA) in Montevideo, Uruguay (UNFPA).
- Workshop on Gender and Health within COMMCA framework, Panamá, Panamá (PAHO).
- XXXIX Meeting, Board of Director of ECLA Conference, Mexico, D.F. (UNFPA).
- Adviser of the First Lady in the Meetings of the Heads of State during UNGASS meeting (United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS) New York, USA (UNFPA).
- Active member of COMMCA-SICA, Panamá, Panamá.
- Convention of Women Leaders in Central America. Liberal women in positions of leadership: Challenges at Political, Business, and Civil level, Managua, Nicaragua (NAUMAN Foundation).
- VII International Encounter of Gender Statistics within the framework of the Millennium Goals, Aguascalientes, México (ASDI).
- Second Encounter of Leader Women, Madrid, Spain (Foundation Carolina).
- Meetings through which the United Nations Human Rights surveillance committee will review the Initial Report of Honduras on the Pact of Civil and Political Rights, Geneva, Switzerland (State Funds).
- Meeting of the Inter-American Woman´s Commission (CIM), El Salvador.
- I Central America Encounter for the prevention of Women Trafficking, Heredia, Costa Rica.
- XIV Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Minister Women of Central America (COMMCA), San José, Costa Rica.
- IV Latin American and the Caribbean Forum on HIV/AIDS and STI (First Lady-Women´s Coalition) Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- XV Ordinary Meeting of COMMCA , Antigua, Guatemala.
- I Session of CIM Directive Committee, Washington, USA.
- Preparatory Meeting of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. XVI COMMCA Ministers Meeting, Antigua, Guatemala.
- VII Summit of the First Ladies of Central America and the Caribbean (Coalition of First Ladies) Antigua, Guatemala.
- Presentation of CEDAW Report, New York, USA.

- 10th. Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Quito, Ecuador.
- XVII COMMCA Ministers Meeting, Antigua, Guatemala.
- III Encounter of Ibero-American Leader Women, Madrid, Spain.
- I Ibero-American Conference on Gender "Gender and Social Cohesion", Santiago, Chile.
- Women of America World Forum, Brasilia, Brazil.
- XVIII Meeting of COMMCA Ministers, Antigua, Guatemala.

PRESENTATIONS MADE IN:

- World Forum in the Fight Against Corruption, La Haya, Netherlands.
- IV International Congress of the Latin America Congress of Public Administration (CLAD) State and Public Administration Reforms (illicit enrichment), Dominican Republic).
- 2000Anti-Corruption Summit, Washington.
- VI International National Encounter of Internal Control, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.
- XXXVI Inter-American Conference of Attorneys at Law, Panamá.
- Latin American Transparency, Bogotá, Colombia.
- VI International National Encounter of Internal Control, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.
- II Hemispheric Congress on the Prevention of Dollars-Laundering, Panamá.
- National and International Systems for Human Rights Protection, Geneva, Suiza.
- Organization and operation of Projects Executing Units, Miami, Florida, USA, INCAT.
- Land Ownership and Property Registration, San José, Costa Rica.
- 7th. Regional Workshop on measures to Combat Drug Offenses and Improve Criminal Justice, San José, Costa Rica, ILANUD.
- First Criminal Law Encounter, Honduras Bar of Lawyers.
- IV Meeting of the Inter.-Parliamentary Central American Commission against Corruption and Drug Activities/Theme: Administrative Integrity.
- XXXV Congress of the Inter-American Federation of Lawyers/Theme: Corruption, México.

- Panelist in Strengthening the State of Law Ethics/Theme: Ethics Offices and Inter.-American Convention Against Corruption, Argentina.

- I Central America Forum on Integrity sponsored by the World Bank, Nicaragua.

- Panelist on the Application of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and the laws in Honduras, Georgetown University, OEA, Washington, USA.