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SPEAKER BIO

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Former UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers



Mr. Diego García-Sayán is the former Special Rapporteur of the United Nations on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers (2016 – 2022). He was a judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights until 31 December 2015, and its President for two consecutive terms. He has broad experience in multilateral organizations at the United Nations and the Organization of American States, including as: (i) Representative of the UN Secretary General for the Peace Agreements at El Salvador and for the subsequent verification of the agreements reporting directly to the Security Council; (ii) Chairperson of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances; (iii) Member of the Redesign Panel on the United Nations System of Administration of Justice, appointed by the UN Secretary General (2006); (iv)

Head of the Electoral Mission of the OAS in Guatemala in the general elections (2007). He was also appointed by the Secretary General (2017) to conform the “Comité de Escogencia” in Colombia that appointed all the members of the transitional justice and of the Truth Commission following the Peace Agreements between FARC and the Colombian Government. Mr. García-Sayán was Minister of Justice during the democratic transition in Peru. In his capacity as Minister of Foreign Affairs, he proposed and promoted the Inter-American Democratic Charter adopted in the Lima General Assembly (Sept. 11, 2001).