

Fernández Opazo, Carolina María (Mexico)

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Statement of qualifications

Mrs. Carolina Maria Fernandez Opazo (Mexican) was born in Kingston, Jamaica, in December 1972.

She has a B.A. on International Relations by the Universidad de las Américas in Puebla, Mexico.

She also studied Administration at the Universidad de las Américas in Puebla and Economics at the Universidad Católica Boliviana, La Paz, Bolivia.

Working experience:

Mrs. Fernandez has held different positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, all of them in the multilateral area.

- Director for Financial Issues, United Nations Division, November 2007 to date.
- Deputy Director for Administrative and Budgetary Questions, United Nations Division, October 2003 to October 2007.
- Head of Department for Administrative and Budgetary Questions, candidatures and political affairs, United Nations Division, November 2000 to September 2003.
- Advisor to the Director General for the United Nations System, January 2000-October 2000.
- Analyst in charge of candidatures and political affairs, United Nations Division, April 1999- December 1999.

Main activities

- Expert on the Committee on Budget and Finance of the International Criminal Court (April 2008 to date)
- Technical Secretary for the evaluation of Mexican memberships to international organizations. (December 2006-May 2007)
- Main negotiator of the Mexican Delegation to the scale of assessments process of the United Nations General Assembly for the period 2007-2009. (March-December 2006)
- Team leader of the Specialized Group of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs on scales of assessment of international organizations. (January 2006)
- Member of the Delegation of Mexico to the negotiation process of the UN Budget for the biennium 2006-2007, 60th session of the General Assembly. (December 2005)
- Member of the Delegation of Mexico to the negotiation process of the UN Peacekeeping Operations' Budget, 59th session of the General Assembly. (May 2005)
- Member of the Delegation of Mexico to the 59th session of the UN General Assembly. (October-December 2004)
- Officer in charge of the Mexican candidature to the UN Economic and Social Council. (October 2001-December 2002)
- Officer in charge of the Mexican candidature to the UN Security Council. (December 2000- October 2001)

Congresses at the Universidad de las Américas in Puebla

- Youth National Congress on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related Intolerance. Organizer. June 2001.
- Regional Workshop on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters related to drugs and organized crime. Organizer. June 2000.
- Youth National Congress on the Millennium Assembly. Organizer. May 2000.
- High Level Regional Meeting “Towards a More Stable and Predictable Financial International System and its Social Link”. Organizer. September 1999.

Mrs. Fernandez speaks fluently Spanish and English and has knowledge of Italian and French.

Mrs. Fernández is married and has two children.
