

# Tavárez Mirabal, Minerva Josefina (Dominican Republic)

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## Curriculum vitae

**Personal data:** Mother of two children

## Political career

**Partido Alianza País** (*Country Alliance Party*)  
Vice President (as of 2019)

**Alianza por la Democracia, Opción Democrática y Nueva Democracia** (*Alliance for Democracy, Democratic Choice and New Democracy*)  
Candidate to the Presidency of the Dominican Republic (National Elections 2016)

**Partido Opción Democrática** (*Democratic Choice Party*)  
Founder and President (2015-2019)

**Partido de la Liberación Dominicana (PLD)** (*Party for Dominican Liberation, PLD*)  
Member of the Central Committee (1997-2014)

## Career in Government

### Ministry of State for Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic

Deputy Minister, Responsible for Foreign Policy (1998-2000)

Under Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, Ministry of State for Foreign Affairs (1996-1998)

General Coordinator of the II Summit of Heads of State and Government of ACP Countries (1999)

National Coordinator of the Joint Bilateral Dominican-Haitian Commission (1996-2000)

National Coordinator of the I Summit of Heads of State and Government of the CARICOM Countries (1998)

National Coordinator of the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of Central America, Panama, Belize and the Dominican Republic (1997)

Coordinator and Rapporteur of the National Dialogue's Foreign Policy Commission (1997-1998)

## Parliamentary career

### Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

Deputy (National Congress) for the Distrito Nacional (2002-2006) (2006-2010) (2010-2016)

## Commissions

President of the Commission for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Chamber of Deputies (2006-2014)

Member of the Gender Commission (2002-2016)

Member of the Special Commission for the reform of the new Criminal Code and the reform of the Criminal Procedure Code (2010-2016)

Member of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (2002-2016)

Member of the Commission for the review and audit of the Reviewing Assembly for the new Constitution of the Republic (2010)

Vice President of the Energy and Mines Commission (2004-2006)

### **Legislative initiatives – Human Rights, Gender and Children (selection)**

- Co-author of Act 32-18, on the Dominican Republic's Cooperation with the International Criminal Court, approved in 2018
- Co-author of the amendment to the Dominican Republic's Criminal Code to include the crime of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, responsibility of commanders and other superiors, and non-applicability of statute of limitations (articles 89-95), approved in 2014
- Co-author of the draft Organic Act establishing a comprehensive system for the prevention, penalization and eradication of violence against women (submitted in 2012, pending approval)
- Co-author of the amendment to the Dominican Republic's Criminal Code to include Rome Statute crimes, including the crime of aggression, and the amendment to Article 8 adopted in Kampala (submitted in 2011, pending approval)
- Co-author of the amendment to the Constitution of the Dominican Republic to incorporate the general principles of law contained in the Rome Statute for the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression, approved in 2010
- Author of Act 36-10 for the National Campaign "16 days against gender violence", approved in 2010
- Co-author of the Instrument of Ratification of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the ICC, approved in 2009
- Co-author of Act 220-07 on the Protection and Use of the Emblems of the Red Cross or the Red Crescent, approved in 2007
- Co-author of the Act of Ratification of the Rome Statute, approved in 2005
- Co-author of Act 88-03, on the establishment throughout the national territory of homes or shelters for women, boys, girls and adolescents who are victims of domestic and gender violence, approved in 2003

### **Motions (selection)**

- Leader for the motion "Congress of the Dominican Republic: Multiparty support for the nomination, as a candidate to the International Criminal Court, of Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion, President of the Criminal Chamber in the Court of Appeals and the Criminal Court of Santo Domingo", 2011
- Co-author of the Parliamentary Resolution whereby the Government is requested to convey to Congress the instrument of ratification of the Amendments to the Rome Statute adopted in Kampala, 2010

### **World Parliamentarian Diplomacy for Human Rights**

#### **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)**

Vice President, 2008-2012

#### **Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)**

President, 2014-2016

President of the International Council, 2012-2014

Member of its Executive Committee and International Council during several periods, 2006-2016

## **PGA campaign for the ICC**

As member of PGA and as member of its governing bodies, supported the National Groups of the following countries in the context of their initiatives in favour of the ICC:

- Africa: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Nigeria,
- Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Mexico, Paraguay, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
- Asia: Afghanistan, Japan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka
- Middle East: Bahrain, Lebanon, Morocco
- Europa and Others: United States of America, Ukraine

Technical and political assistance missions for the ratification of the Rome Statute, its implementation, and the ratification of the Kampala Amendments

- Mexico, 2003-2006
- Brazil, 2004-2010
- Suriname, 2008
- Chile, 2007-2009
- Panama, 2011
- El Salvador, 2011, 2014
- Colombia, 2013
- Haiti, 2016

Organizing Committee (Selection)

- Regional Parliamentary Workshop on the Implementation of the Rome Statute and the Kampala Amendments, Santo Domingo, 2015
- Round table on the adoption of legislation on the Rome Statute, Santo Domingo, 2011
- Parliamentary Delegation to the Tenth Session of the Assembly of the States Parties of the ICC, United Nations, New York, 12-21 December 2011
- Fifth Session of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court and the Rule of Law, Santo Domingo, 2008

Speaker (selection)

- Briefing, “Justice for ISIS Atrocities: How US policy on the International Criminal Court could Advance Accountability in Iraq and Syria”, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, House of Representatives of the United States of America, Washington, D.C., February 2016
- High-Level Session on the International Criminal Court, Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS), February 2016
- “El empoderamiento de la mujer: construyendo seguridad humana” (*Women’s empowerment: Creating human security*) National Congress, Argentina, Seminar on Justice and Gender Equity, 11-12 May 2011

## **PGA campaign for Peace and Security**

- Speaker, “El impacto de la violencia armada sobre el desarrollo” (*The impact of armed violence on development*), Colombo, Sri Lanka, octubre de 2011
- Parliamentary initiatives for the ratification of the Biological Weapons Convention and the Arms Trade Treaty
  - Haiti, 2017
  - El Salvador, 2015
  - Kazakhstan, 2016

## **PGA campaign for Equity and Gender**

- Speaker, Inter-generational Dialogue on Gender Equality and the Rights of Girls and Adolescents, UNICEF, La Antigua (Guatemala), October 2018
- Inaugural keynote speech, International Symposium on Femicide, National Assembly of France, Paris (France), 26 January 2017
- Speaker, Launch of the “Manual Parlamentario sobre derechos humanos, orientación sexual e identidad de género” (*Parliamentary Manual on human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity*) in the Congress of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, 10-11 July 2016
- Parliamentary initiatives for the adoption of legislation on equity and gender, and on non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender or identity
  - Trinidad and Tobago, 2016
  - Belize, 2016
  - El Salvador, 2015
  - Santo Domingo, 2013

## **PGA campaign to end child marriage, early or underage marriage and forced marriage (CEFM)**

- Initiator of the Parliamentary Resolution on CEFM signed by 774 parliamentarians from 76 countries, in support of the implementation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 69/156, 2014

## **Initiatives on Childhood, Equity, Justice, Truth and Memory**

“**Horizonte Ciudadano**” Foundation, founded by Michelle Bachelet, part of the “Red de Líderes por un comienzo seguro por los derechos de la primera infancia” (*Network of Leaders in favour of a safe start for the rights of early childhood*), Santiago (Chile), as of 2019

**Advisory Council, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), President**, New York, The Hague, as of 2016

**Author of the book “Mañana te escribiré otra vez”** (*I’ll write to you again tomorrow*) (Correspondence between Minerva Mirabal and Manolo Tavárez Justo), Editora Amigo del Hogar, Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic), 2013; re-edited in 2014 and 2016

**Co-Founder of the Hermanas Mirabal House-Museum**, Salcedo (Dominican Republic), 1981

## **International organizations**

**Member of the Advisory Board of the Trust Fund for Victims of crimes under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court**

Elected by the Assembly of States Parties to represent the Latin America and the Caribbean Region, as of 2020

**Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific- European Union (ACP-EU) Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

Member of the Assistance Mission during the reconstruction process following the earthquake in Haiti, 2009-2010

**Organization of American States (OAS)**

Head of the Electoral Observation Mission for the Plebiscite and By-elections of Governors, Peru, December 2018

## **Media**

**Diario Libre**

Columnist, 2008-2010

**“Primera Hora” Programme, Antena Latina**

Political commentator, 2000-2001

**Academic sector**

**Universidad Acción Pro Educación y Cultura (UNAPEC), Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)**

Head of the Spanish Department, 2001-2002

Professor, 1985-1995

**Casa de las Américas, Havana (Cuba)**

**Centro de Estudios Caribe (CEC)**

Researcher in Dominican literature, 1979-1980

**Centro de Investigaciones Literarias (CIL)**

Researcher in Hispanic literature, 1980-1983

**Publications**

**El Camino que Traigo Conmigo** (*The road I bring within me*), Editora Impretur, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2011

**Private Initiative**

Entrepreneur in the clothing sector, 1985-2000

**Academic background**

Instituto Universitario de Investigación Ortega y Gasset (*Ortega y Gasset University Research Institute*), Master’s Degree in Senior Public Management, Madrid (Spain), 2006-2008

University of Havana (Cuba), Post-Graduate Course in Hispanic Linguistics, 1983-1984

University of Havana (Cuba), *Licenciatura* (undergraduate degree) in Hispanic Linguistics, major in Hispano-American Literature, 1978-1983

**Languages**

Spanish – English – French

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