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List of Experts

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The present report has been prepared pursuant to Conference resolution 3/1, entitled "Review mechanism". It contains the list of Governmental Experts submitted by Member States for the purpose of the review process, including information on their past and present positions held and related experience. Due to the number of submissions received, the report is divided in several parts. The current document contains information on experts submitted by: El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Paraguay.

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Governmental experts for the mechanism for the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

| Country | Name | Forenames | Present position | Other relevant posts or offices held or activities/ previous professional experience |
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| El Salvador | Magaña | Álvaro Alfredo | Executive Secretary, National Sustainable Development Council, Office of the Vice-President of the Republic | Coordinator of follow-up on IACAC and UNCAC; rapporteur to the executive branch on questions of transparency; representative of El Salvador at the Guatemala Declaration for a Corruption-Free Region, technical counterpart of the UNDP and the World Council on Sustainable Development (United Nations). Wide-ranging experience as a public servant in different posts; university teacher. |
| | Rodríguez | Marcos | Under-Secretary for Transparency and Anti-Corruption Affairs, Strategic Affairs Department, Office of the President of the Republic | Assistance to the Strategic Affairs Department in promoting the establishment of an effective system of securing probity in the public service, based on the principles of access to public information, citizen audit, transparency in the exercise of public functions and legal responsibility. Previous experience: representative of Transparency International in the National Economic and Social Development Foundation (FUNDE); homepage http://www.funde.org . Experience as investigator, consultant and teacher in the fields of transparency and the fight against corruption. |
| | Cubías Alemán | Vilma Aurora | Transparency specialist, Transparency and Anti-Corruption Under-Secretariat, Strategic Affairs Department, Office of the President of the Republic | Elaboration of documents, contribution to policy and technical discussions of the under-secretariat and continuing monitoring of transparency matters. Preparation of assessments and of transparency and anti-corruption training programmes, experience in access to information, accountability, participative budgets and formulation of orders on transparency and citizen participation at municipal level. |
| | Cruz López | Manuel de Jesús | Director, Strengthening, Internal Controls and Audits, Transparency and Anti-Corruption Under-Secretariat | Present position: processing of reports from citizens providing evidence of corruption; planning and assigning audit measures based on the information received; providing support and advice to the executive branch on internal control systems; planning training programmes on internal audit systems for the executive branch. Previous experience: external and internal audits, controls, tenders and services for the State. |

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| Guatemala | Escobar | María del Pilar | Director, International Legal Studies, Directorate-General of Legal Affairs, Ministry of External Relations | Follow-up on implementation of international instruments. Responsible for legal matters with a bearing on the fight against corruption. Representative of the Ministry of External Relations in the National Inter-Institutional Anti-Corruption Committee and MESICIC and in negotiations on the terms of reference for the creation of the mechanism to monitor implementation of UNCAC. |
| | Pineda Colorado | Carmen Elena | Legal Adviser, Legislative and Legal Affairs Department, Office of the President of the Republic | Analysis, preparation of legal reports and coordination of strategies on administrative and constitutional law, public ethics and tax law. Previous experience: in the Governmental Ethics Tribunal and the Directorate-General of Domestic Taxation. |
| | Scarola Díaz | Adda Mercedes | Registrar, Governmental Ethics Tribunal | As Registrar of the Governmental Ethics Tribunal: prepare the agenda, provide documentation on cases submitted, attend hearings, draw up records and certify rulings handed down in plenary sittings; assist in the drawing up of reforms to the Governmental Ethics Act and the accompanying regulations; keep and regularly update the register of members of the governmental ethics committees. Wide-ranging experience in different positions in the public service and in the private sector. |
| | Fernández Peña | Luis Arturo | Adviser to the Vice-President of the Republic, Office of the Vice-President | Advising the Vice-President on legal matters, in particular in the transparency and anti-corruption spheres. Previous experience: legislative proceedings (Access to Information Act, Probity Act, Governmental Ethics Act). |
| | Lima Mejía | Ana Lucrecia | Director, Institutional Support, Office of the Auditor-General | Coordination of work of national cooperation units, national projects, planning, training and international cooperation. Experience as consultant on financial administration, control, planning and international cooperation. Participation in MESICIC. |
| | Garrido de León | Ana Marisol Beatriz | Director, International Treaties, Ministry of External Relations | Advice, issue of opinions, negotiations and liaison with all agencies or institutions concerned with conventions, preparation of opinions, statements of reasons, instruments of ratification, deposit and publication of conventions. Negotiation of regional and bilateral agreements on various subjects. |

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| Melgar Peña | Carlos Augusto | Assistant Director, Access to Information, Ministry of Public Finance | Coordination of the Single Access to Information Window in the Ministry; formulation of public information strategies; supervision of updating and publication of the information called for by the Freedom of Access to Information Act; framing of programmes to promote transparency and access to information. Experience as consultant and teacher in the fields of transparency, the fight against corruption, accountability and citizen participation. As part of the <i>Acción Ciudadana</i> team (the Guatemalan chapter of Transparency International), project coordinator. |
| Meza Corado | Casta Luz | Director, Fiscal Transparency, Ministry of Public Finance | Coordinating measures for the promotion and guarantee of transparency; suggesting policy measures designed to contribute to compliance with national and international obligations in the fight against corruption; drawing up of periodic reports on the transparency situation; creation and tracking of indicators of access to information. |
| De León Girón | Alejandro | Technical specialist, electronic governance, Office of the Vice-President | Conception and implementation of general strategies for electronic governance; coordination of programmes using communication and information technologies to permit citizen participation, institution strengthening, transparency, efficiency, efficacy in public services and the confidentiality of information. Wide-ranging experience in development and management of systems for conduct of public services. |
| Samayoa Lara | Edgar Alberto | Chief, Public Information Unit, Office of the Auditor-General | Viabilization of document processing in area of requests for public information. Responsible for relations and coordination with other institutions in the specific area of transparency and public information. Promotion of processes for training and awareness development. Previous experience as legislative adviser in the national Congress, analysis of transparency and anti-corruption mechanisms. |
| Porras Escobar | Gloria Patricia | Secretary-General, Office of the Prosecutor-General of the Republic | Assistance with the coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the institutional policies and activities of the Procurator-General and the Council of the Attorney-General's Office. Previous experience as supervisor-general and prosecutor in the Attorney-General's Office. |

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| Velásquez Carrera | Juan Luis | Adviser, Committee on Transparency and the Fight against Corruption, Office of the Private Secretary to the Vice-President | Support for the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Transparency and the Fight against Corruption; elaboration and implementation of the various components of the Committee's strategic plan (institutional, standard-setting, training, skills development and investigation, coordination and technical support, social communication, transparency and electronic governance). Previous experience: Executive Secretary of the Committee on Transparency and the Fight against Corruption (2003-2004), Transparency International Regional Coordinator for Central America (2004-2007), investigations into transparency cases (2007-2008), Assistant Director in the Directorate for State Procurement and Purchasing Standards, Ministry of Public Finance (2008-2009), alternate expert for Guatemala in MESICIC. |
| Castañeda Solares | Juan Pablo | Technical/legal adviser in the Committee on Transparency and the Fight against Corruption, Office of the Vice-President | Provision of legal advice to the Committee on Transparency and the Fight against Corruption, review and preparation of MESISIC reports. Previous experience: in the Ministry of External Relations. |
| Villatoro Rodríguez | Leila Carolina | Assistant Director, Multilateral Policy for the United Nations, Ministry of External Relations | Coordination and follow-up on the activities of United Nations bodies in the areas of transparency and corruption; coordination for establishment of country positions, representation of the Ministry of External Relations, liaison between the international community and the institutions of State with responsibility for follow-up in the area of corruption. Facilitated negotiations on the Guatemala Declaration for a Corruption-Free Region, adopted by the presidents of the region. Participated as representative of Guatemala at the Conference of the States Parties and other conferences on UNCAC. |

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| Sierra Velez de Barrientos | Lilian Rozana | Assistant Director, Analysis and Promotion of Fiscal Transparency, Ministry of Public Finance | Coordination with higher-level authorities in the Ministry of Public Finance in matters relating to transparency, development of mechanisms for communication with civil society groups, business and academic circles; evaluating compliance with international standards in the fields of fiscal and budget transparency. Previous experience: consultant on international anti-corruption conventions in the Office of the Vice-President; adviser to the Presidential Committee on Transparency and the War on Corruption; adviser to the Office of the President in discussion committees for the promotion of transparency and audits by society; lead expert at MESICIC; consultant in <i>Acción Ciudadana</i> (national chapter of Transparency International) on various aspects of transparency; etc. |
| Contreras Ramírez Omar Augusto | | Chief, Anti-Corruption Prosecution Section, Office of the Attorney-General | Selection, direction and coordination of individual prosecutors in corruption cases; organization and supervision of staff in Anti-Corruption Prosecution Section. Preparation of reports on implementation of the OAS and United Nations conventions against corruption; participation in videoconferences relating to MESICIC. Previous posts held: auxiliary prosecutor in the prosecutor's office for the Metropolitan District of Guatemala, prosecutor in the unit dealing with crime involving the banking, insurance and financial sectors in the Office of the Prosecutor Combating Organized Crime; chief of the Seizure and Extortion Unit in the Prosecutor's Office. |
| Vega Santizo | Reagan | Assistant Director of Human Resources, Ministry of External Relations | Together with the Director, supervision of the administration of posts and pay, recruitment, selection, appointment and engagement of human resources, ensuring compliance with the standards concerning discipline and the legal provisions in force governing staff administration. Experience in elaboration of regulations and standards on administrative and staff control. |

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| Mexico | Montoya García | Romeo Augusto | Responsible for the Economic Crime Unit in the in the Anti-Corruption Prosecution Service, Public Prosecutor's Office | Investigation and criminal prosecution of public officials and private persons committing offences relating to corrupt acts. Preparation of reports on the Inter-American and United Nations anti-corruption conventions. Participation in videoconferences relating to MESICIC. Posts previously held: auxiliary prosecutor in the prosecutor's office for the Metropolitan District of Guatemala, prosecutor in the unit dealing with crime involving the banking, insurance and financial sectors in the Office of the Prosecutor Combating Organized Crime; prosecutor in the unit handling offences against journalists and trade unionists (Office of the Attorney-General). |
| | Vargas | Sandra Elizabeth | Level III Legal Adviser, Office of the Auditor-General | Issues legal views or opinions on legal or financial matters relating to the care of the public interest. Directing, initiating and following up on legal action brought in the courts by the institution. Provision of advice to the Auditor-General on legal matters. Thirty-two years' experience in public administration, 25 years' professional experience; provision of advice to various branches of the public administration. |
| | Esparza Jaime | Alfredo | Deputy Director-General, Transparency and Accountability Studies and Policies, Public Service Department | As Deputy Director-General: responsible for implementation of the National Programme on Accountability, Transparency and the Fight against Corruption 2008-2012; creation of strategies and work programmes designed to meet the commitments arising from the anti-corruption conventions, analysis of national and international indicators of transparency, good governance and the fight against corruption and the formulation of recommendations for the improvement of those indicators, thus making for better evaluations of Mexico. Lead expert for Mexico in the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions. Participation in the elaboration of the Mexican proposal for the terms of reference for the mechanism for the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption; wide-ranging experience in different posts in federal and State administrations. Teaching experience; publications. |

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| | Verduzco Becerra | Alicia Margarita | Director, Anti-Corruption Conventions, Public Service Department | As Director, Anti-Corruption Conventions: analysis of and follow-up on commitments entered into by Mexico and deriving from ratification of the international anti-corruption conventions; devising policies to give effect to the recommendations emerging from the rounds of reviews of the anti-corruption conventions; coordinating the questionnaires, opinions and reports resulting from the review phase. Lead expert in MESICIC, participation in the elaboration of the Mexican proposal for the terms of reference for the mechanism for the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. Previous experience: various posts at municipal, State and federal levels with responsibilities, inter alia, in the areas of transparency and the fight against corruption. |
| | Lara Cabrera | Erasmus Alonso | Alternate representative at UNOV; Permanent Mission of Mexico to UNOV, Department of External Relations | Delegate of Mexico and expert for matters concerning the United Nations Convention against Corruption (particularly on implementation matters) and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. Mexican delegate to the CND and the CCPCJ. Negotiation of legal and political texts (draft resolutions, statements, etc.) |
| | Hernández Salmerón | Guillermo Alejandro | Deputy Director-General, Global Affairs, Department of External Relations | Responsible for coordination of four directorates operating in the areas of organized crime and corruption. Responsible for follow-up on relations between the Government of Mexico and various international and regional organizations such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and (UNODC) and MESICIC. Participation in the negotiation of UNCAC, the promotion of its signature and ratification, participation in the three sessions of the Conference of the States Parties and the intergovernmental working groups, coordination of Mexico's position with regards to the mechanism for review of implementation of UNCAC; coordination of Mexico's position in MESICIC; publications. |
| Nicaragua | Guevara Rodríguez | César Augusto | National Criminal Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney-General of the Republic | As National Criminal Prosecutor: represents the State in criminal proceedings (both administrative and judicial); directs criminal prosecution policies; orders investigations or punishment of offences committed to the prejudice of the State. Experience in different sections of the Office of the Attorney-General, inter alia, as head of the Anti-Corruption Unit. |

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| | Chamorro Díaz | Hernaldo José | Auxiliary criminal prosecutor; coordinator of the Anti-Corruption Unit in the National Criminal Prosecution Department, Office of the Attorney-General of the Republic | Coordination of criminal investigations into acts of corruption; representative of Nicaragua in MESICIC; participation in evaluation of and follow-up on the government's anti-corruption and governance programmes in cooperation with the donor community; participation in a group of teachers conducting seminars and workshops on corruption within the State. |
| | Blandón Montenegro | María Antonieta | Executive Director, Public Ethics Office, Office of the Attorney-General of the Republic | Directs programmes to promote transparency and effectiveness in the administration of the resources of the executive branch; draws establishes and implements strategies and projects to prevent corruption; promotes training in ethical values; promotes the Code of Ethical Conduct; monitors implementation of international commitments (including UNCAC); represents Nicaragua in MESICIC. |
| | Frixione Ocón | María Elsa | Auxiliary criminal prosecutor, coordinator (Unit for International Crime, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs), Office of the Attorney-General of the Republic | Follow-up on implementation of international commitments (including UNCAC), processing of requests for legal assistance in criminal cases (central authority); representation of Nicaragua in MESICIC and other international mechanisms; participation in the elaboration of national anti-corruption policies. |
| Panama | Corcho Díaz | Boris Alexis | Legal adviser, National Transparency and Anti-Corruption Council | Investigations of public affairs management to detect acts of corruption; preparation of reports, recommendations on prevention of corruption. |
| | Núñez Fábrega | Fernando | Executive Secretary, National Transparency and Anti-Corruption Council, Ministry of the Presidency | As Secretary for Transparency: elaboration of anti-corruption policies, studies, proposals and measures; educational campaigns |
| Paraguay | Rolón Luna | Jorge Domingo | Adviser, Vice-Ministry of Internal Security, Ministry of the Interior | Provision of advice to the Vice-Minister of the Interior on legal matters relating to the security of the citizen. Wide-ranging experience as public servant, teacher and consultant. |

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| Fleitas | Carlos José | Director, Legal Affairs, Ministry of External Relations | Drafting of opinions on domestic law and international public law. Representation of Panama in matters relating to domestic and international law. Previous experience: Director of Legal Affairs, Director of Legalizations, Director of Audit, Director of Consular Policy. |
| Marcel Oviedo | Diego Antonio | Coordinator-General, Anti-Corruption Coordination Unit, Office of the Auditor-General of the Republic | Development of the internal mechanisms of the institution with a view to optimizing the control work which is the province of the Office of the Auditor-General in areas where corrupt acts may occur. Expansion of supervision and control activities covering public property and State assets. Execution of anti-corruption programmes, preventive and corrective measures; strengthening of joint action by setting up special working groups. Liaison with the specialized anti-corruption units (UEs) in public bodies and representing the institution in the UE specializing in asset recovery. Also serves as legal adviser to the Legal Opinions and Procedures Directorate, which forms part of the Directorate-General for Legal Affairs in the Office of the Auditor-General. |
| Sapena G. | Raúl Fernando | Treasury lawyer, Ministry of Finance | Provision of advice to the Minister of Finance on all legal matters pertaining to the functions of the Ministry. Previous experience: consultant on contract regulations, international trade negotiations and public finance law. |
| Cristaldo Laug | Lorena | Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney-General of the Republic | Coordinator in the specialized asset recovery unit. Coordinator in the group concerned with strengthening of the investigation and punishment of corruption. Coordinator of the specialized human rights unit in the Office of the Attorney-General. Experience with the Inter-Institutional Committee on Enforcement of International Sentences (CICSI) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. |
| Quíñónez Valenzuela | Roberto Antonio | Chief, Internal Affairs Unit, National Customs Directorate | Investigation of evidence of possible errors or punishable acts calling for disciplinary sanctions, drafting and analysing the necessary information, requesting reports in order to obtain information and notifications. Experience in investigation and analysis of information. Technical and practical knowledge of criminal procedure in a number of cases relating to punishable acts of illicit enrichment, passive bribery and breach of trust. |

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| Torres Maldonado | Ángela Elizabeth | Representative of Standards and Supervision Department, Secretariat or the Prevention of Money- and Property- Laundering (SEPRELAD) | As representative of the Standards and Supervision Department: elaboration of regulations to govern agencies within its remit, review and amendment of regulations issued by SEPRELAD in its preventive capacity and preparation of procedural manuals for the purpose. Previous experience: financial analyst, senior analyst, chief and coordinator of the Financial Analysis Department. |
| Duarte Vera | Nestor | Director-General, Coordination and Follow-up of Institution Internal Audits, Office of the Auditor-General of the Executive Branch | As Director-General of Coordination and Follow-up of Institution Internal Audits in the Office of the Auditor-General: coordination and monitoring of follow-up on the reports of the control bodies with the internal audits of institutions. Member of the internal control committee of the Office of the Auditor-General of the executive branch, the committee on evaluation of tendering processes and the committee on the system of quality control in the Office of the Auditor-General. Previous experience: auditor of the Ministry of Education and Culture, auditor of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Executive Branch. Teaching experience. |
| Estigarribia de Escobar | Victorina | Chief, Legal Opinions Division in the Legal Unit, Central Bank of Paraguay | Gives opinions on all documents concerning legal matters submitted for consideration to the Legal Unit by the different departments of the institution. Acts as investigating judge in various administrative proceedings. Previous experience: Chief, Projects and Resolutions Division. |
| Dejesús | Victor Hugo | Legal Adviser, Technical Unit for the Modernization of the Public Administration | Provision of advice to the Coordinator of the Technical Unit for the Modernization of the Public Administration (UTMAP). Representative of the unit in the National Competitiveness Agency Paraguay 2030. Prepares legal opinions prior to presentation of documents of other State institutions and on tenders submitted within the framework of the Modernization of the Public Administration project. A party to the preparation of the preliminary draft of the Act on Administrative Procedures and Code of Ethics. Previous experience; adviser in the preparation of the draft Securities Market Act; legal adviser to the National Securities Commission; member of the Directorate of the National Securities Commission. |

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| Machucha Vidal | Maria Soledad | Deputy prosecutor, State Prosecutor's Department, Office of the Attorney-General | Coordinator of the Transparency Unit in the Office of the Attorney-General. Coordinator of implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption in the Office of the Attorney-General. In charge of the office training centre and the Penal Cassation Office. As a prosecutor: preparation of rules, manuals, agreements, resolutions and similar items for the State Prosecutor's Department and other departments in the institution, ensuring the effective functioning of the prosecution and administrative units. Central authority for legal matters relating to the OAS. Lead expert in MESICIC. |
| Oviedo Cabanas | Juan Emilio | Prosecutor, International Affairs, State Prosecutor's Department, Office of the Attorney-General | Intervention in all passive extradition cases and legal cooperation in criminal matters; representative of the State Prosecutor-General in trial hearings concerning special passive extradition cases and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters. Serves as central authority for processing of international and bilateral treaties and agreements. Contact point for IberRed, the Ibero-American Association of Public Prosecutors, the MERCOSUR Meeting of Ministers of Justice (AIAMP), MERCOSUR-REMJA-OAS (mutual legal assistance in criminal matters), Group 3 + 1 (anti-terrorism) and CITAIC (anti-corruption), mixed committees, etc. Teaching experience. Previous experience in the Office of the Attorney-General: Director, International Affairs and External Legal Assistance, prosecution rapporteur, prosecution assistant, prosecution registrar, head of Board of Entries, legal technician, typist, etc., in the civil and business as well as the criminal sectors. |