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Note by the Secretary-General

1. Below is given the biographical data relating to Mr. Antonio Martinez Baez, whose nomination by the Government of Mexico is referred to in document E/CN.4/1171/Add.2.

MR. ANTONIO MARTINEZ BAEZ

(Nominated by the Government of Mexico)

Born in the town of Morelia, capital of the state of Michoacán, on 18 July 1901, son of Dr. Manuel Martínez Solórzano and Mrs. Francisca Báez de Martínez.

His father was for 20 years (1900-1920) Director of the Michoacán Museum and for 15 years President of the Colegio Primitivo Nacional de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, where he was also Professor of Natural Sciences. He was a deputy at the Querétaro Constituent Assembly of 1916-1917.

Antonio Martínez Báez did his preparatory studies at the Colegio Privitivo Nacional de San Nicholás de Hidalgo (1913-1919) and began his professional studies at the Faculty of Law of the University of Michoacán in 1920. In 1921, he continued his studies at the National School of Jurisprudence of the National University of Mexico (1921-1925), and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Law (abogado) from that University on 21 July 1926. In his last year of professional studies he won first prize in an essay contest on the subject "Constitutional Government" organized by the newspapers El Universal of Mexico City and The Los Angeles Times of Los Angeles, California.

In 1929 he became Professor of Constitutional Law at the National School of Jurisprudence, and remained in that post without interruption until 1948. He took up the same post again in 1953. At the National School of Jurisprudence, and also at the Free School of Law, he gave a number of special one-semester courses on Bankruptcy and Insolvency Proceedings and Agrarian Law.

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In 1944, he gave a one-semester course on <u>Democracies</u>, <u>Doctrines and Institutions</u> at the College of Mexico.

Member of the Commercial Code, Review Commission, 1931-1946.

Between 1935 and 1941 he was head of the Indemnification Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Development, the Public Debt Office of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit and the Legal Department of the National Urban Mortgage and Public Works Bank Ltd.

Delegate of the Mexican Government to the American Municipal Congress (Santiago, Chile, 1941).

Chairman of the National Banking Commission, 1941-1943.

Manager of the Financiera Industrial Azucarera, 1943-1946

He was appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the Autonomous National University of Mexico when the University was reorganized in 1945 and is currently Permanent Secretary of the Board.

Has acted as legal consultant to the National Agrarian Commission, the Ministry of Agriculture and Development and the former Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour, now the Ministry of the Economy.

Member of the Commission on Juridical Studies and Legislation of the <u>Procuraduría General</u> of the Republic, 1946-1948.

Regular member of the Mexican Academy of Legislation and Jurisprudence (corresponding to the Spanish Academy).

Voting member of the Board of Directors of the Mexican Bar Association College of Advocates and Vice-President (1946-1948, 1954-1955, 1956-1957, 1958) and President (1959-1960) of the aforesaid institution.

Represented the Mexican Government of the International Labour Conference, Geneva, 1947.

Secretary of State for the Economy of the Government of the Republic October 1948 - November 1952.

In 1950 he obtained the degree of Doctor of Law and the post of Professor of Doctorate Courses at the Faculty of Jurisprudence and Social Sciences of the Autonomous National University of Mexico, where he is now Professor of Constitutional Law.

Mexican delegate to the special session of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, Washington, M rch 1950.

Member of the International Academy of Political Sciences and Constitutional History, the Sorbonne, Paris.

Chairman of the Economic Commission for Letin America from the fourth session (Mexico City, April 1951) until the fifth session (Rio de Janeiro, April 1953). which he attended as Head of the Mexican delegation.

Voting member of the National Insurance Commission, 1953-1959.

Member of the Council of the International Association of Legal Science 1961-1963.

Member of the Board of Governors of the College of Mexico (1961).

Fellow of the National College of Advocates of Mexico.

Fellow of the Mexican Institute of Procedural Law.

Delegate to the Continental Conference on World Peace through Law (San José, Costa Rica, June 1961).

"Discurso en el 93° Aniversario de la Muerte de Don Benito Juárez" (Address on the 93rd anniversary of the death of Don Benito Juárez). Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, 1965.

Delegate to the First World Conference on World Peace through Law (Athens, Greece, June 1963).

Voting member of the Board of Governors of San Nicolás de Hidalgo University, Michoacán, 1963-1964.

Member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, subsidiary organ of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, 1966-1971, 1972-1975.

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Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, 1965.

Doctor honoris causa, San Nicolás de Hidalgo University, Michoacán.

Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, Autonomous National University of Mexico, 1966.

Arbiter in the settlement of disputes for the Latin American Free Trade Association (LAFTA), 1968.

Mexican delegate to the International Conference on Human Rights (Teheran, April-May 1968).

Mexican delegate to the Inter-American Specialized Conference on Human Rights (San José, Costa Rica, 22 July 1969).

Participant in the United Nations Seminar on the Dangers of a Recrudescence of Intolerance (Nice, France, August-September 1971).

Decorations

Belgium: Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold II.
Netherlands: Grand Cross of the Order of Orange-Nassau.
Venezuela: Order of Francisco de Miranda (1st Class).
France: Commander of the Order of Commercial Merit.

Published work

"El Gobierno Constitucional" (Constitutional government), 1925. (Won a prize in an essay contest organized by El Universal and The Los Angeles Times.)

"El Derecho Constitucional" (Constitutional Law). (Chapter of the book México y la Cultura (Mexico and Culture), published by the Ministry of Education, 1946 and 1961.)

"El Indebido Monopolio del Poder Judicial de la Federación para conocer de la Inconstitucionalidad de las Leyes" (The Federal Judiciary's illegal monopoly of the power to judge the unconstitutionality of laws). Revista de la Escuela Nacional de Jurisprudencia, vol. IV, No. 15.

"Concepto General del Estado de Sitio" (General theory of the state of siege). Revista de la Escuela Nacional de Jurisprudencia, Vol. VII, Nos. 25-28.

"Algunas Consideraciones sobre las Acciones Preferentes en las Sociedades Anonimas" (Some thoughts on preferred stock in limitel companies). Revista de la Escuela Nacional de Jurisprudencia, Vol. VIII, No. 30.

"La Constitución y los Tratados Internacionales" (The Constitution and international treaties). Revista de la Escuela Nacional de Jurisprudencia, Vol. VIII, No. 30.

"El Ejecutivo y su Gabinete" (The Executive and his Cabinet). Revista de la Facultad de Derecho, Vol. II, No. 6.

"La Ley Juárez" (The Juárez Act). Lecture to the Mexican Studies Club on the centenary of the issuance of the Act, 23 November 1955.

"Preliminary Study" for D. Francisco Zarco's <u>Historia del Congreso Extraordinario</u> Constituyente (1856-1857) (History of the Extraordinary Constituent Assembly (1856-1857)).

"Influencia de D. Emilio Rabasa en la Constitución de 1917" (Influence of D. Emilio Rabasa on the 1917 Constitution). Address delivered at the ceremonies organized by the Faculty of Law of the Autonomous National University of Mexico honouring Rabasa on the occasion of the centenary of his birth, 4 June 1956.

"El Federalismo Mexicano y las Desaparición de los Poderes de los Estados" (Mexican federalism and the disappearance of the powers of the states). National College of Advocates, 1960.

"La Revolución Mexicana y la Constitución Política Federal de 1917" (The Mexican Revolution and the Federal Political Constitution of 1917). Lecture given in a series organized by the College of Advocates of Ciudad Juárez celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Revolution, 20 November 1960.

"Estudio Histórico y Comparativo acerca de la Creación de una Secretaría de Justicia" (Historical and comparative study on the establishment of a Ministry of Justice). Mexican Bar Association, 1961.

"División de Competencias Tributarias en el Constituyente de 1824" (Division of powers of taxation in the Constituent Assembly of 1824). Lecture given in a series organized by the Fiscal Court of the Federation to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Act of Fiscal Justice, 18 October 1961.

"Antecedentes Parlamentarios de la Ley de Amparo de 1861" (Parliamentary antecedents of the law of Amparo of 1861). Mexican Institute of Procedural Law, 1961.

"Don Melchor Ocampo en el Congreso Constituyente de 1856 y 1857" (Don Melchor Ocampo at the Constituent Assembly of 1856 and 1857). University of Michoacán, Morelia, 1958.

"Las Ideas Jurídicas en el Congreso Constituyente de 1856-1857" (Juridical ideas at the Constituent Assembly of 1856-1857). Lecture given during the 1956 winter term at the National School of Economics in the course entitled "El Liberalismo y la Reforma en Mexico" (Liberalism and reform in Mexico).

"Las Fuentes Históricas de la Constitución Política de 5 de Febrero de 1857" (The historical origins of the Political Constitution of 5 February 1857). Lecture given during the 1957 winter term, Revista de la Facultad de Derecho, Vol. VII, Nos. 25 and 26.

"Foreword" to the facsimile edition of the Constitutions of Mexico (the Apatzingán Constitution of 1814 and the Federal Constitutions of 1824, 1857 and 1917), published by the Ministry of the Interior, 1957.

"Selection and Notes" for "Representaciones sobre la Tolerancia Religiosa" (Comments on religious tolerance). El Siglo XIX collection, 1959.

"Constitucionalidad del precepto de la Ley General de Instituciones de Crédito que permite a los Bancos la adequisición transitoria de bienes inmuebles" (Constitutionality of the provisions of the General Credit Institutions Act allowing banks to take temporary possession of immovable property). Revista de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, June 1936; Revista Bancaria, July-August 1953.

"Constitucionalidad del Artículo 109 de la Ley de Instituciones de Crédito" (Constitutionality of Article 109 of the Credit Institutions Act). Excelsior, 4 February 1963.

"Estudio Histórico sobre la Colegiación Obligatoria de los Abogados al Ilustre y Nacional Colegio de Abogados de México" (Historical study of the compulsory membership of lawyers in professional associations at the National College of Advocates of Mexico). Paper presented to the Mexican Bar Association College of Advocates, 27 March 1963.

"La Revolución Mexicana y la Constitución de 1917" (The Mexican Revolution and the Constitution of 1917). Lecture delivered at the College of Advocates of Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, 1957.

"Fuentes Históricas y Parlamentarias de la Constitución Política de México" (Historical and parliamentary origins of the Mexican Political Constitution). Guadalajara, Jalisco, 1963.

"La Reelección de los Diputados" (The re-election of deputies). Publication of the Mariano Otero Association of Jurists, Mexico City, 1965.

"La Política de Maximiliano a través de sus leyes y Decretos" (The Policy of Maximilian through his laws and decrees). French Institute of Latin America (IFAL), 1965.

"El Lic. Don Carlos María de Bustamante y Don José María Morelos y Pavón".

Presentation of "Tres Estudios sobre Don José María Morelos y Pavón" (Three studies on Don José María Morelos y Pavón). Mexican Bibliographical Institute, 1963.