

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT
Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP),
members from three indigenous sociocultural regions
Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 49th session

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 25 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 12 NOON GENEVA TIME

- The application process consists of two compulsory parts:
(1) online survey¹ (<https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/985419>)
 and
(2) application form in Word format² (to be downloaded from <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC49.aspx>)
- Candidates should indicate in question 10 of Section I (Personal data) below for which indigenous sociocultural region they are applying and then **include in the motivation letter in Section III why they are applying for the specific indigenous sociocultural region.**
- Once fully completed, in English or French only, the Word application form should be submitted by email to ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org
- A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format). No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or additional reference letters) will be accepted.
- Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by the Secretariat.
- Applications will only be considered if both parts and all sections of the Word application form have been completed and received by the Secretariat before the expiration of the deadline. **No incomplete or late applications will be accepted.**
- Eligible for Working Group mandates are only nationals of the States belonging to the [regional groups](#) for which specific vacancies have been advertised.
- General description of the selection process and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/Nominations.aspx> and <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/BasicInformationSelectionIndependentExperts.aspx>
- In case of technical difficulties or problems with accessing or completing the forms, you may contact the Secretariat by email (ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org) or fax (+41 22 917 9008).

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Family (last) name: Acosta	5. Year of birth: 1959
2. First (given) name: Maria	6. Place of birth: Chinandega
3. Other name, if any: Luisa	7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates): Nicaragua
4. Gender: Female	8. Any other nationality: No
9. Indigenous origin: No	

¹ The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form.

² The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process.

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10. Please indicate for which indigenous sociocultural region you are applying (please tick a box):

- Central and South America, and the Caribbean**
 Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia
 Pacific

II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE

NOTE: Please describe why the candidate's competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:

1. QUALIFICATIONS (200 words limit)

Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)

Ms. Maria Luisa Acosta has a Juris Doctor, obtained through a Fulbright Scholarship, a Masters in Comparative Law, a Masters in Natural Resources and Environmental Issues, and a postgraduate course in regional autonomy and public administration; She has deeply and extensively studied and applied –litigating, teaching and drafting reports - constitutional law, domestic legislation, and the International Human Rights Law, all focused on indigenous peoples.

Besides that, for almost three decades, the candidate has worked closely with indigenous leathers and their authorities, acting on their behalf and their communities, before local, regional, national, and international institutions.

The same way, she has counseled them in negotiations with national and international corporations, and governmental institutions. Moreover, Ms. Acosta has accompanied indigenous peoples in their technical processes of land tenure, natural resources access, livelihood and cultural issues; for example, She has performed as member of an interdisciplinary team, created to assist the Rama and Kriol peoples in the titling process of their land, obtaining the state recognition of a half o million hectares of land in the Caribbean Coast in 2009.

Last, but not least, Ms. Acosta has excellent intercultural communication skills in Spanish and in English.

2. RELEVANT EXPERTISE (200 words limit)

Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations' work in the area of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)

Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state years of experience.)

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The candidate has been working in the field of international human rights, since 1993, performing as the national lawyer in the Case of the Mayangna (sumo) Indigenous Community of Awas Tingni v. Nicaragua (2001) such experience, introduced her into the regional Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights (IASHR); since then, Ms. Acosta has taken several cases into the Inter-American System.

As advocator for the human rights of indigenous peoples she has supported young indigenous women leaders to participate into the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

Ms. Acosta interacts with different special mechanisms of the United Nations - the Human Rights Council, the Special Procedures and the Treaty Monitoring Bodies- particularly with several UN Special Rapporteurs such as the ones: on the rights of indigenous peoples, on human rights and the environment, on minority issues, and on the situation of human rights defenders.

The candidate has also drafted reports for different Treaty Monitoring Bodies such as the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR). And, as university professor she has extensively study the main instruments, norms and principles of the International Human Rights Law.

3. ESTABLISHED COMPETENCE (200 words limit)

Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)

The candida is an Associate Professor of International Human Rights Law, and the coordinator of the Inter-University Program on Human Rights AUSJAL-IIDH, an interdisciplinary and international -on line- course, involving a network of 15 Jesuit universities in the Americas, at the Faculty of Humanities of the Central American University (UCA). Managua, Nicaragua.

As Independent Consultant, Ms. Acosta has carried out field work and has elaborated comprehensive reports for the main Human Rights institutions in Central America such as Inter-American Institute of Human Rights-IIDH; Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences-FLACSO, CEJIL and International Labor Organization-ILO, San Jose, Costa Rica, Offices.

From the NGO, CALPI, Ms. Acosta has coordinated projects and activities with the most well-known national and international human rights NGOs such as: the Center for Justice and Human Rights of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua-CEJUDHCAN, the Nicaraguan Center for Human Rights-CENIDH, the Center for Justice and International Law-CEJIL, the World Organization against Torture-OMCT and Race & Equality, amongst others.

Ms. Acosta, has provided legal advice and technical supported to indigenous and afro descendant peoples, to strength and enhance their public participation; and to protect their human rights, she coordinates with the OHCHR, Regional Office for Central America and Dominican Republic.

4. PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS

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Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.

4.1 Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Title of publication: The Indigenous World 2021: Nicaragua

Journal/Publisher: Indigenous World - IWGIA's global report on the rights of indigenous peoples.

Date of publication: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.-

Web link, if available: <https://iwgia.org/en/nicaragua/4237-iw-2021-nicaragua.html>

2. Title of publication: Indigenous and Afro-descendant Peoples and measures to confront COVID-19.

Journal/Publisher: Academia de Ciencias de Nicaragua.

Date of publication: Second Edition 2020.

Web link, if available: <http://iips.usac.edu.gt/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Libro-ACN-COVID-19-el-caso-de-Nicaragua.-Aportes-para-enfrentar-la-pandemia.-Edicion-II.pdf>

3. Title of publication: Reflections on the Grand Interoceanic Canal through Nicaragua and the Déjà vu of the Monkey Point Community.

Journal/Publisher: ISTMO, Journal of Central American Literary and Cultural Studies. Institute of History of Nicaragua and Central America (IHNCA), Central American University (UCA-Managua).

Date of publication: 2017.

Web link, if available: <http://istmo.denison.edu/n33/articulos/03.html>

If more than three publications, kindly summarize (200 words limit):

Besides the ones listed above the candidate has in total 23 publications, amongst them: 2 books analyzing legislation, institutions and its application to the indigenous peoples in the context of the regional autonomy regimen of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua (1996 and 2003).

Ms. Acosta also has written 8 academic articles published in the Nicaraguan Caribbean Magazine, WANI, CIDCA-UCA/BICU; and 3 published in The Legal and Political Notebook of The Polytechnic University of Nicaragua.

She also, has publications as the result of research in the field such as: Access to justice for indigenous women in Central America. The case of Nicaragua. Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIHR), Costa Rica, (2011); and Labour Conditions of the Miskitu Divers of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua. International Labour Organization (ILO), Costa Rica (2002).

The candidate has book contributions such as: Encroaching upon Indigenous Land: Nicaragua and the "Dry Canal" in Indigenous Peoples, Resource Management and Global Rights. Eburon Academic Publishers. The Netherlands (2003); and The State and Indigenous Land in the Autonomous Regions of Nicaragua: the case of the Mayangna community of Awás Tingni. The

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Challenge of Diversity: Indigenous Peoples and Reform of the State in Latin America. THELA THESIS. The Netherlands (1999).

4.2 Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:

1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Regional Forum of the Americas on Conflict Prevention and Protection of the Human Rights of Minorities."Conflicts and the Protection of Human Rights of the Mískitu and Mayangna Indigenous Peoples".

Event organizer: United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues and the Tom Lantos Institute, Budapest.

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: April 27 and 28, 2021.

Web link, if available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ligBnibmG5w>

2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:

Thematic Hearing before the IACHR: "The impacts of the colonization of indigenous lands on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua".

Event organizer: IACHR: CALPI, CEJUDHCAN, CEJIL, R&E, OMCT and Oakland Institute.

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: March 18th, 2021.

Web link, if available:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3a2ZFkYpSo&list=PL5QlapyOGhXt7w_hXJG5pSkDYXqeY ZmzI&index=4&t=15s

3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made: Public Hearing before the IACHR: Case 13.615 Indigenous and Afro-descendant Communities of Nicaragua.

Event organizer: IACHR-CALPI

Date on which public statement/pronouncement made: March 3rd, 2020.

Web link, if available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzY8SNXTIMA&t=204s>

If more than three, kindly summarize (200 words limit):

The candidate has widely participated in seminars, conferences, workshops, as the same time she has designed a virtual course –for indigenous women and leaders from all the Latin-American countries - with themes related to the Inter-American System of Human Rights and to the United Nations special mechanisms - the Human Rights Council, the Universal Periodic Review, the Special Procedures and the Treaty Monitoring Bodies- and also, about International Human Rights Law in general, and related to indigenous, natural resources and environmental rights, in particular.

Ms. Acosta has participated in similar activities, locally in Nicaragua, together with indigenous and afro descendant community's leaders and authorities. As well as she has been invited to participate in different countries such as The United States of America, Mexico, and in all the Central American Countries, in the Caribbean in Dominican Republic and in Haiti; as well as in all South American countries -except for Paraguay, Uruguay, Peru and Venezuela-; and also, to the Netherlands and to Dakar, Senegal, Africa, in activities all related to indigenous peoples.

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5. FLEXIBILITY/READINESS AND AVAILABILITY OF TIME (200 words limit)
to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on two country visits per year, drafting reports according to established deadlines, organizing and participating in consultations and meetings, addressing allegations of human rights violations with all concerned, providing advice to States and other stakeholders on issues related to their mandate and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated time of four to six months per year to the work of a mandate depending on its workload.

Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.

The candidate, certainly has the flexibility, readiness and availability of time to perform effectively the functions of the EMRIP mandate – all of them are task she regularly do- and to respond to its requirements, dedicating four to six months per year to carried out de work. Ms. Acosta also, has fully considered and understood that the work of mandate holders is unpaid.

6. NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE

Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):

- Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)
- Governments
- Regional groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems
- International organizations or their offices
- Non-governmental organizations
- National human rights institutions
- Other human rights bodies

Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only) (200 words limit):

The Alliance of Indigenous and Afro-descendant Peoples of Nicaragua -APIAN-, as its own initiative of communal organization that brings together authorities and community leaders of the indigenous Miskitus, Mayangnas, Rama, Chorotegas, Nahoas, Subtiaba, Matagalpa and Afro-descendant Creole / Kriol, and Garífuna peoples of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast, of the Special Regime Zone and of the Central and North Pacific of Nicaragua, has been organized since 2015; under the protection of the Law 445, Law of Demarcation and Titling of communal lands in the Autonomous Regions of the Coast Caribbean of Nicaragua and the Rivers Bocay, Coco, Indio and Maíz.

APIAN is a grass rooted organization auto conformed as a space for collective reflection and action, on the main issues and concerns of its peoples. APIAN interacts with governmental and nongovernmental institutions, makes proposals, expresses its point of view in private, as well

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as in public, on issues of its peoples concern, and also raises its voice in defense of the constitutional and international human rights of indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples.

APIAN has issues two reports on the situation of the Indigenous and Afro-descendant people of Nicaragua, its first Report in 2017 <https://docplayer.es/82655988-Alianza-de-pueblos-indigenas-y-afrodescendientes-de-nicaragua-apian.html> and its second Report in 2021.

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III. MOTIVATION LETTER, INCLUDING YOUR VISION OF THE MANDATE, AND WHY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE SPECIFIC INDIGENOUS SOCIOCULTURAL REGION

(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below and not sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed (i.e. with a typed signature) by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am honored to apply for a position within the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), as its member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean; because of my ample professional experience and expertise in the field of the human rights of indigenous peoples in this sociocultural region.

During my professional carrier -28 years- I have functioned as a human rights lawyer specialized in indigenous issues, work that I have carried out performing as: Law Professor, Coordinator of the Center for Legal Assistance to Indigenous Peoples (CALPI) -a nonprofit organization-, and as Independent Consultant.

I have accompanied Indigenous and Afro-descendants peoples of Nicaragua in their calm, diagnosis, administrative procedures and implementation of the demarcation and titling processes, of their traditional territories -which constitute their livelihoods, sources of their culture, worldview and spirituality.

As university law professor - nationally and internationally- I have imparted: constitutional, autonomy, environmental and international human rights law, emphasizing on the rights of indigenous peoples.

As CALPI's Coordinator, I have litigated in the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights (IASHR), cases such as: Acosta at al v. Nicaragua, and Case No. 13,615 -on the issue of the lack of Prior, Free and Informed Consent- and the Transocenic Canal of Nicaragua corrently at The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

And, as Independent Consultant, I was part of a drafting committee of a law bill for the rights of the indigenous peoples of the Pacific, Central and North regions of Nicaragua; and for the bill of Law 445 -approved in 2003- which establishes the administrative procedure for granting the titles of the 23 indigenous and Afro-descendant territories of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, with an area that represents 31.16% of the national territory; and in the same capacity, I taught the Module on "Indigenous People, Communities and Peoples", within the Diploma in Justice for Groups in Vulnerability with a Gender Perspective, offered by the Federal Judicial Institute of Mexico and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH), imparted in several Mexican states in 2018 and 2020.

Recently -after one and a half year of work- we just finished the report: "Racism, Dispossession and Impunity", an analysis of the violence constituting torture and mistreatment of indigenous populations in Latin America; it was coordinated by the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT) and the Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas Human Rights Center (Mexico), in which I acted as member of a Working Group of researchers from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, and Nicaragua.

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Finally, at present, I am –associated with colleges of IWGIA, Denmark, and Chuo University, Japan- contributing in a project of York University, Canada: "Emancipatory Autonomies in Central America", a unique opportunity to catalyze synergies with the process of preparation, divulgation and continuation activities of the thematic report that will analyze international standards on the right to self-determination of indigenous peoples, that is currently being prepared by the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the IACHR, and which will develop its characteristics and content within the framework of the IACHR.

For all of the above, I hope to be considered for the EMRIP 's position.

Sincerely yours,

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IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)

Please indicate all language skills below.

1. Mother tongue: Spanish

2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:

Arabic: Yes or no: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or Not easily:

Write: Easily or Not easily:

Speak: Easily or Not easily:

Chinese: Yes or no: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

English: Yes or no: **Yes** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Write: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

French: Yes or no: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

Russian: Yes or no: **No** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily:

Write: Easily or not easily:

Speak: Easily or not easily:

Spanish: Yes or no: **Yes** If yes,

Read: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Write: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

Speak: Easily or not easily: **Easily**

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V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD

NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country*). If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.

Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:	Years of attendance (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put e.g. 2018-present):	Place and country:
Juris Doctor. The University of Iowa College of Law. Full-time.	1990-1992	Iowa City, Iowa, United States of America
Masters in Comparative Law, The University of Iowa College of Law. Full-time.	1988-1989	Iowa City, Iowa, United States of America
Masters in Natural Resources and Environment, Universidad de Barcelona (UBA). Part-time.	1995-2000	Spain/Managua
Public Administration and the Legal Regime of Autonomy, Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (UAB). Part-time.	2000-2003	Spain/RACCN-RACCS
Law degree, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua -based on completion of law studies in Colombia- Law degree Universidad Externado de Colombia. Full-time.	1979-1985	León, Nicaragua. Bogotá, Colombia.

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VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate's current (most recent) occupation. Also, indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single cell below, separating them by a blank line.

<p align="center">Name of employer, functional title, main functions of position, full- or part-time:</p>	<p align="center">Years of work (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present):</p>	<p align="center">Place and country:</p>
<p>Coordinator of the Virtual International Interdisciplinary Courses in Human Rights AUSJAL-IIHR, and Associate Professor International Human Rights Law, Faculty of Humanities of the Central American University (UCA). Managua, Nicaragua.</p>	<p>2018-present. Part-time.</p>	<p>Managua, Nicaragua/El Salvador.</p>
<p>Coordinator of The Center for Legal Assistance to Indigenous Peoples (CALPI) https://www.calpi-nicaragua.com</p> <p>-Campaign for the life, environmet and territory of the indigenous Mayangna communities in the Biological Reserve of Bosawas, field work and research on the situation of violence against indigenous communities and their territory. January 2020-present.</p> <p>-Obtained the judgment of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the Case of Acosta et al. v. Nicaragua, on March 25, 2017, currently in implementation process. 2007-present.</p> <p>-Legal representation to the indigenous communities Rama and afrodescendants Kriol, and Creole Community of Bluefields, Case No. 13,615 due to lack of Free, Prior and Informed Consent, in the project of the Great Interoceanic Canal of Nicaragua, at IACHR. July 2013-present.</p>	<p>1999-present. Part-time.</p>	<p>Nicaragua</p>
<p>Access to Justice for Indigenous Women in Central</p>	<p>2008-2011.</p>	<p>San José, Costa</p>

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America and Panama. Field work, research and socialization of the results. Consultant to the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights Instituto (IIHR).		Rica.
Member of an interdisciplinary team for the legalization process of the Rama and Kriol Territory. Study of land tenure issues and fields research on the historical and traditional occupation of indigenous and afro descendant communities in the claimed territory. Title granted in 2009. Consultant to NGO, IBIS, Denmark.	2004-2010.	Rama territory, Bluefields, RACCS, Nicaragua
Member of the technical team in the Coordinator Commission for Territorial Demarcation (CCDT) which drafted the bill to demarcate and title indigenous land in Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast. This bill originated from initiative of the indigenous peoples and was supported by the North and South Atlantic Regional Councils, it concluded with the enactment of Law 445, "Law of the Communal Property Regime for the Indigenous Peoples and Ethnic Communities of the Atlantic Coast's Autonomous Regions and the Bocay, Coco, Indio and Maiz Riverbanks". Consultant to Kepa-Finland. 1999-2002.	1999-2002	Managua, Nicaragua.
Consultant to Formulate a Technical Proposal to Strengthen Institutional and the Implementation of the Demarcation Process in Indigenous Territories, Created by Law 445, Danish Program for Human Rights and Democratization of Nicaragua (PRODENI)/Danish International Aid for Development (DANIDA), Managua, February-March 2004.	2004	
Facilitator of the consensus of a single proposal of the indigenous peoples of the North, Central and Pacific of Nicaragua "General Law of Indigenous Peoples" in consultation by the National Assembly of Nicaragua. Consultant to the State of Law Program, USAID, Nicaragua. March 2006. NGO, Nicaraguan Network for Democracy and Local Development. July 2008-August 2010.	2006, 2008-2010.	
Professor of Environmental Law, Indigenous Law and Consuetudinary Law. The University of the Autonomous Regions of the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast (URACCAN).	1996-2002. Part-time.	Bluefields, RACCS, Nicaragua.
Dean of the Law faculty and Professor of Introduction to Law, Environmental Law, Administrative Law and	1993-1995. Part-time.	Bluefields, RACCS, Nicaragua.

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Constitutional Law. The Bluefields Indian & Caribbean University, (BICU).		
Member of Legal Team Advisor to the Project of Development of Natural Resources and The Land Demarcation of Communal Lands of The Mayangna (Sumo) Awas Tingni Indigenous Community. Consultant to The Indian Law Resource Center. Coordinated by The University of Iowa. Assistant of the Inter-American Commission before The Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the case of the The Mayagna (Sumo) Community of Awas Tingni v. Nicaragua.	1993-2002.	Puerto Caberzas, RACCN, Nicaragua.

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VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)

To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate's behalf.

1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.

No

2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate's ability to act independently in discharging the mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

3. Is there any reason, currently or in the past, that could call into question the candidate's moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which the candidate discharges the mandate? If yes, please explain:

No

4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)

Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.

Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.

Yes

5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.

N/A

SECOND PART: APPLICATION FORM IN WORD FORMAT
Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP),
members from three indigenous sociocultural regions

Appointment to be made by the Human Rights Council at its 49th session

VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION

To be completed by the candidate. The candidate's name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.

I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.

Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by email (ohchr-hrcspecialprocedures@un.org).

Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.

Name: Maria Luisa Acosta

Date: November 23, 2021.
