

Annex II

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

Last name and name: Garcé García y Santos, Alvaro

Place and date of birth: Montevideo, Uruguay, August 7th, 1967.

Working languages: Spanish, French and English.

Present duties and post: (Ombudsman) for the Penitentiary System. Elected by unanimous vote of the Legislative Power in 2005 for the period 2005-2010. Reelected by unanimous vote in 2010 for the period 2010-2015. He supervises the administrative bodies in charge of the execution of penalties depriving liberty and he advises the Legislative Power in its duty of controlling the fulfillment of the rights of the people deprived of liberty by judicial decision.

Main professional activities: Lawyer, specialized in Human Rights and Criminal Law. He has been a journalist, has taken part of legal offices of first level in his country and afterwards he has decided to act as legal counsel officially appointed. Since he graduated professionally he works as college professor in Human Rights, Law History and Compared Law. As a professor, he participates in the training of police and jails staff, at the subordinate and hierarchy levels. As an ombudsman, he supervises the enjoyment of human rights in all the prisons of the whole country. He visits the same regularly, interviewing the people deprived of liberty and their relatives; he receives complaints and claims, making the corresponding investigations. He makes recommendations to the prisons authorities so as to adopt measures to promote human rights and so as to modify or annul the resolutions and practices which may violate the guarantees of the people submitted to criminal process. He regularly informs to the Parliament the state of the prisons and he proposes general recommendations for the improvement of the penitentiary system.

Academic degrees: Lawyer, graduated from the University of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay. He is a degree and postgraduate college professor in his country. He is a teacher in schools for police training. He is the author of twenty publications on subjects related to his specialization (books, cooperation books and doctrine articles). He has participated in more than one hundred academic events, in his country and abroad, as a lecturer and speaker. He was declared as “Distinguished Visitor” abroad.

Other activities in the field related to the corresponding body: He is a member of the Board of the Ombudsman Latin-American Institute. He receives and answers consultations of the jails authorities on the prisons practices. He interacts with the Magistrates of the Judicial Power and of the State Attorney’s Office, in the definition and execution of criminal politics. He coordinates actions to promote human rights with other State bodies and civil society. Since 2008, he has actively joined the world campaign for the codification of the human right to peace, developing actions in his country and abroad.

Most recent publications: “Criminal politics as an element of human right to peace”, in “Studies on Human Right to peace”, Edit. Cataratas, Madrid, 2010, pages 226 to 249; “Main aspects of jails reality”, C.I.E.J., Montevideo, 2009, pages 96 to 106; “Jails in Uruguay: Report of the Ombudsman of the Legislative Power. Year 2009”, Legislative

Power, Montevideo, 2009, 147 pages; Prelude to “Reform of the Criminal and Penitentiary System in Uruguay, CADAL, Montevideo, 2009; “Jails Reform”, C.I.E.J., Montevideo, 2008, pages 34 to 41; “Jails in Uruguay: Report of the Ombudsman of the Legislative Power. Year 2008”, Legislative Power, Montevideo, 2008, 343 pages; “From “Justitiekansler” to the Principles of Paris: Compared View of the National Institutions of Human Rights”, CLAEH, Montevideo, 2007, pages 9 to 56.
