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**GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)**

**INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (IACHR)**

**P r e s e n t:**

**Subject: postulation of Emilio Alvarez Icaza to the  
Executive Secretariat of the (IACHR)**

In terms of the call for submission of candidates to occupy the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights, I hereby notify my interest in participating in the selection process.

I believe that, within the Inter-American System for Human Rights, the IACHR and the Inter-American Court for Human Rights are fundamental components of the OAS to protect the rights of the inhabitants of the continent. The way this system works, with leadership and world referencing expresses the will of the State Members to strengthen their democracy exercising human rights as well as the commitment to make reality the Conventions, Treaties and Declarations as valuable legal instruments which strengthen the national legal frameworks and the government's actions to design and implement public policy in accordance with these directives.

I am sure that the defense and promotion of Human Rights have a fundamental importance in generating synergies with governments and official agencies in the implementation of public policy which not only allow dealing with individual cases but also dealing with the causes that make violation of Human Rights possible.

My professional career as a media analyst, public servant, university professor, independent consultant and directive of civil organizations has always been related to the defense of Human Rights and Democracy. By unanimous vote, the Legislative Body of the Federal District (Mexico City, Mexico), named me, for two consecutive 4 year periods, President of the Human Rights Commission for the Federal District (HRCFD), where I directed the work of 560 persons and was responsible for a budget of more than 145 million U.S. during that period. Each year I presented a report of results.

Before this, thanks to the confidence the deputies of the aforementioned Legislative Body had in my impartiality, I was an Electoral Counselor in the Electoral Institute of the Federal District. In two electoral processes, with other Counselors, we coordinated more than 10,000 employees and 70,000 volunteers.

As part of my work, I put special emphasize in the development of public policy towards protection of Human Rights. Of particular importance was the development and deployment of the Diagnostic and Program for Human Rights in the Federal District, initiative which compounded the efforts of the HRCFD, Mexico City's Government, the Legislative Body, the Superior Court, universities, non-government organizations and the Office in Mexico of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. This even internationally unprecedented effort culminated in the corresponding laws being passed in order to give all this a Vision of State. For this, I had the support and approval of the HRCFD.

I have developed projects of International cooperation with several organizations, in search of financial and project development help, such as the European Union, United Nations and private, public and religious organizations in the USA, Canada, Europe and Latin America.

I consider that, if I am elected Executive Secretary of the IACHR, my public, academic and non-government experience will allow me to support and propel the chores of the Commission's General Secretariat and the rest of the commissioners to jointly generate a new era for this entity. I also have the experience and the profile to produce agreements and to promote dialogue and understanding at the highest levels of governments and civil society.

In synthesis, based on the applicable Institutional Framework and joint collaboration, we could strengthen a respectful and mutually beneficial relationship with the Inter-American Court for Human Rights in favor of the people (special attention to the victims) and Member States of the OAS.

I thank you for your kind attention to this letter and am at your service for any additional information you might require.

**Sincerely yours,**



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**MSS. Emilio Alvarez Icaza**

