



Carlos Fernández Liesa

Candidate to the Human Rights Committee
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CARLOS FERNÁNDEZ LIESA'S CANDIDACY TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE 2025-2028

Born in Zaragoza, in 1964, he is a specialist in human rights, public international law, sustainable development and cultural diversity.

Professor of public international law and international relations since 2005 at the Carlos III University of Madrid (UC3M), where he was previously associate professor.

Law graduate from the University of Zaragoza (1987), he completed a Master's degree in International and European Studies (Nice, 1988). He is also Doctor in Law, with an extraordinary award from UC3M (1992).

He is director of the Chair of sustainable development, cultural diversity, inclusion and human rights at UC3M created by the Secretary of State for the 2030 Agenda.

He collaborates with human rights NGOs such as the Movement for Peace, the Red Cross and the Spanish Aid Commission to Refugees, among others.

Member of the Royal Academies of Jurisprudence and Legislation of Aragon, where he is a full academican. He is also a member of the Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Spanish Legislation where he is a academic and vice president of the international law section.

He is secretary of the Francisco de Vitoria Institute of International and European Studies, where he has been director and deputy director.

High level of French and intermediate level of English.

CAREER PATH

- Professor of public international law and international relations at the Carlos III University of Madrid.
- Vice president of the Peces-Barba Human Rights Foundation (2016-2024).
- Vice president of the international law section of the Royal Academy of Jurisprudence (since 2022).
- Director of the Francisco de Vitoria Institute of International and European Studies (2010-2015).
- Co-director of various human rights chairs.
- Co-director of the Ibero-American Electronic Magazine (Scopus rank).
- He has held various positions at the Carlos III University of Madrid. He has been secretary general, vice-rector, department director and delegate of the university in the University Center of the Civil Guard, among others.

CAREER IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD

- He was the drafter of the *due diligence of companies and human rights law* (2022-2023), commissioned by the Secretary of State for the 2030 Agenda.
- He is an expert at the *Human Dimension Mechanism* of OSCE (2022-2028).
- He is a member of the scientific councils of the Bartolomé de las Casas Human Rights Institute, and of the Human Rights and Companies Institute of the University of Monterrey.
- He is the director of the *Master in International Solidarity Action* alongside the Red Cross and the Spanish Aid Commission Refugee. The master was the first in this specialty and already has 25 editions.
- He is director of the *Expert Degree in Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples Rights and International Cooperation* from the UC3M and the *Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC)*.
- He is director of human rights courses in the General Council of the Judicial Power (2017-2023).
- He is a member of the magazines *Rights and freedoms* (UC3M) and *Business and human rights*.
- He was director of the chair *Mario Villarroel of international law humanitarian and human rights* (2012-2019).
- He was a member of the Ethics Committee of the Spanish Olympic Committee (2007-2013).
- He was secretary of the chair Conception Arenal for the protection of vulnerable people from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (1994-2009).
- He is the director of the magazine "*Tiempo de paz*", of the Movement for Peace, disarmament and freedom (since 2015).
- He was the coordinator of the encyclopedia "*History of human rights*" (24 volumes, Dykinson publishing house, 300 researchers).

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He is the author of multiple articles and chapters of other human rights publications.

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AIMS

If I were to be elected as a member of the Committee, I will do everything possible to improve the compliance of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by means of the following objectives:

- Promote consensus and build bridges around the defense and protection of human rights, promoting their universality.
- Clarify the obligations of States through interpretation methods based on international law and existing normative categories.
- Improve working methods by strengthening the simplified procedure for communications and the simplified reporting procedure, promoting the harmonization of working methods and advancing towards a better management and response to communications received by the Committee.
- Promote the incorporation of new working methods, such as the use of indicators and statistics that allow having complete information regarding the fulfillment and exercise of human rights.
- Take into account the 2030 Agenda and the principle of sustainability as a common roadmap of the international community, as well as the rule of law and pluralistic and inclusive societies as pillars in the exercise of human rights.
- Always act with independence and neutrality, based on my experience and knowledge and in accordance with the commitment and responsibility towards the international system for the promotion and protection of human rights.

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