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The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Mrs. Hilde Skorpen, presents her compliments and has the honor to refer to Circular N. 2833, dated November 13, 2007, inviting candidates for nomination to the post of Director General of WIPO.

A copy of the letter from His Excellency Mr. Milton Danilo Jiménez Puerto, Secretary of State for External Relations of the Republic of Honduras proposing the candidacy of Mr. José Delmer Urbizo Panting for the said post is enclosed. 

January 29, 2008

Enclosure: Letter of His Excellency the Secretary of State for External Relations of the Republic of Honduras



SECRETARIA DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES
DE LA REPUBLICA DE HONDURAS

Tegucigalpa, M.D.C., December 19, 2007

Mrs. President,

I have the honour to make you knowledge that the Government of the Republic of Honduras has decided to present the candidature of Ambassador Plenipotentiary H.E. José Delmer Urbizo Panting, Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations, Geneva, Switzerland, for the post of Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization, in order to be propose during the extraordinary session of the Coordination Committee, to be held on May 13-14, 2008.

Ambassador José Delmer Urbizo has a solid academic background and more than 30 years experience in several positions of high responsibility in Private Banking and Public Sector. He has occupied the following high positions: President of the Autonomous Municipal Bank of Honduras, Minister of Trade and Economy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Interior and Justice, Director of the Central Bank of Honduras, Comptroller of the Republic of Honduras and President of the Popular Association of Savings and Credit and has represent Honduras in several regional and international forums.

Our proposed candidate fulfils all requirements to assume the post mentioned. The Government of Honduras would appreciate the valuable support of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization to the candidature of Ambassador H.E. José Delmer Urbizo Panting, whose Curriculum Vitae is attached to this letter, outlining his vast experience as well as his involvement and role in various regional and international activities.

Please accept, the assurances of my consideration.



Milton Danilo Jiménez Puerto
Ministry of foreign Affairs



President of Coordination Comité
H.E. Mrs. BENTE ANGEL-HANSEN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Norway
World Intelletualy Property Organization
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CURRICULUM VITAE
J. DELMER URBIZO PANTING

**PLACE AND DATE
OF BIRTH**

Tela, Atlántida, Honduras
December the 30th, 1936

**UNIVERSITY
STUDIES**

Law Faculty, Universidad
Nacional Autónoma de Honduras
Diploma: Degree in Social and
Juridical Sciences

ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENT

2006

Named by the Government of the Republic of Honduras as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Honduras for Office of the United Nations and International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, in charge to the present day.

Member of the Diplomatic Committee, based in Geneva.

2007

Elected president of the Group of 77 and China, the Geneva chapter in January 2007 and during his office was chosen to coordinate the preparation process for the 13th UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), ministerial reunion which will be held in Accra, Ghana, and the negotiations for defining by consensus the theme and the four sub themes which will be discussed at the reunion.

He created an initiative to establish a common agenda of active participation and coordination regarding the handling of the main problems in the developing countries in collaboration with the following organizations:

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), World Trade Organization (WTO), World Health Organization (WHO), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Trade Center (ITC), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

Participated as President of the Group of 77 and China as well in the following events:

- a) Participated in the 41st reunion of the chapter presidents of the Group of 77 and China (Rome, 26- 27th of February 2007).
- b) Invited at the eight reunion for member-states of the Convention for the prohibition of Antipersonnel Mines, which was held in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in 2007.
- c) Participated in the Commission for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) sessions, held in Geneva, Switzerland in 2007.

As Permanent Representative, participated actively in the following assemblies and events:

- Head of delegation for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) sessions held in Geneva, Switzerland from the 2nd to the 27th of July 2006.
- Head of delegation of the 42nd World Intellectual Property Organization Assembly for member-states in Geneva, Switzerland (25th of September to 3rd of October 2006).
- Member of the Honduran Inter institutional Delegation for the presentation of the first Honduran report on the Civil and Politic Rights Pact Implementation (16th and 17th of October 2006) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Work Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget at the 48th session of UNCTAD (29th to 31st of January 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 11th session on Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development (19th to 23rd of February), UNCTAD in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation of the 298th ILO board meeting (8th to 30th of March 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Honduran delegation member of the 11th session of the Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development Commission (8th to 14th of March 2007), UNCTAD in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 11th session of the commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (11th to 23rd of March 2007), UNCTAD in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 41st Trade and Development (UNCTAD) board meeting (10th to 20th of April 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation of the 15th World Meteorological Congress (7th to 25th of May) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Member of the Honduran delegation at the 60th World Health Assembly (14th to 23rd of May 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 10th session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at the Economic and Social Council (21st to 25th of May 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.

- Honduran delegation member at the 96th International Labor Conference (29th of May to 15th of June 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Honduran Head of delegation at the first session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (5th to 7th of June 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation for the fifth Session of the Human Rights Council (8th to 18th of June 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 42nd Trade and Development (UNCTAD) board meeting (27th of June 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Continuation of the Work Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget at the 48th session of UNCTAD (9th to 11th of July 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Work Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget at the 49th session of UNCTAD (10th to 14th of September 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation for the sixth Session of the Human Rights Council (10th to 28th of September 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Member of the Committee on Developing Country Matters (DEVCO) meeting and the International Standards Organization (ISO) board meeting (17th to 21st of September 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation of the 43rd World Intellectual Property Organization Assembly for member-states (24th of September to 3rd of October 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 54th session of the Trade and Development Conference (1st to 11th of October 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 11th member-state meeting of the Committee Against Torture (8th of October 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation for the Radio communication Assembly of the ITU (15th to 19th of October 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation for the Radio communications Conference of the ITU (22nd of October to 16th of November 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation for the 300th ILO Administrative Council Session (13th to 16th of November 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Head of delegation of member-state Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on their Destruction (18th to 22nd of November 2007) in Jordan.
- Head of governmental delegation for the 30th International Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference (26th to 30th of November 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.

- Head of delegation for the 94th session of the council of the International Organization for Migration (27th to 30th of November 2007) in Geneva, Switzerland.

POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR

2002

Controller General of the Republic.

Was named by the National Congress of the Republic in charge by constitutional mandate of the taxation a posteriori of the financial management of the expenses of the Public Administration, decentralized institutions, municipalities, governmental establishments and the entities that function with state resources, including the accounting examination of this last one.

Participated in the Controlling Institutions reunion in 2002 held in San Salvador, El Salvador.

2001,2000,1999

Director of the Central Bank of Honduras.

The institution is directed by an integrated directory of five permanent directors and is the superior administrative organ which is responsible, as the representation of the state, for the formulation and development of the national monetary, credit and currency policy and the corresponding monetary emission.

As Director of the Central Bank, participated in the following events:

- 1 – Meeting of central bank governors (1999) in Mexico.
- 2 – Seminary on the Mexican region financial stabilization (1999), sponsored by the SEMLA.
- 3 – Seminary on the future change options of the region (1999), Panama City.

1998

Secretary of State for the Home Office.

This position is in charge of the interior, municipal provinces, migration and penitentiary relations in vigor and to connect them with the juridical power.

The juridical and recording steps that must be done by the state are made by him and it is under his responsibility that the official diary “La Gaceta” is edited.

The Secretary of State holds, as well, the directorship of the following state institutions:

Honduran Telecommunications Company (HONDUTEL)

Honduran Institute for Childhood and the Family (IHNFA)

National Institute of Retirements and Pensions of the government employees and civil servants of the executive power (INJUPEMP)

National Institute of Retirements and Pensions for Teachers (IMPREMA)

National Infancy Institute (PANI)

Coordinated the monitoring and recording of the human and material damage caused by the national emergency situation provoked by Hurricane Mitch in October 2008 in every municipality of the country in order to inform the government, international agencies, financial organisms and friendly governments.

1997 to 1995

Secretary of State for the Foreign Office.

By mandate of the law, the President of the Republic directs the international policy and it is the

Secretary of State that is the principal executor.

The Secretary of State held the following positions:

President of the United Nations Security Council representing the State of Honduras (1995-1996).

Vice-President of United Nations General Assembly (1996).

Member of the Central American Integration System (SICA) which groups the countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras.

Participated in the following events:

- Foreign affairs ministers reunions in Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Panama.
- Central American and Caribbean Foreign affairs ministers meeting (1997) in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Summit with the Central American Presidents, the Prime Minister of Belize and the Prime Minister of Canada, held in Ottawa, Canada.
- Signature of the convention for demining the Honduran-Nicaraguan border, sponsored by the Organization of American States (OAS).
- Representation of Honduras for the signature of The Mine Ban Treaty (1997) in Ottawa, Canada.
- Signature of the Protocol to promote the Honduran Financing by the European Investment Bank (1997) in Luxembourg.
- Participated in the promotion of free trade treaties with Mexico, the USA, Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, Panama, the Caribbean Community and MERCOSUR.
- United Nations General Assembly (1995, 1996 and 1997) and ordinary and plenary sessions of the UN Security Council (1995) in New York, USA.
- Organization of American States (OAS) assemblies in Haiti (1995), Panama (1996) and Peru (1997).

Ministerial visits:

Visits to the Republic of Taiwan (1995), Republic of Chile and Republic of Mexico (1997).

- Accompanying visit the President of the Republic to Washington, USA, and twice to Columbia and Haiti.
- State visits accompanying the President of the Republic to the Republic of Italy, the Vatican State, the Republic of France, the Republic of Taiwan, the Republic of Korea, the Empire of Japan and the Republic of Peru.
- The Rio Group foreign affairs ministers reunion (1996) in the Caribbean, Cuba and Panama.
- The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) assembly (1996 and 1997) in New York, USA.
- The Rio Group reunion (1997) in Asunción, Paraguay.
- The San Jose XII ministerial conference, European Union and Central America (1996) in Florence, Italy.
- Central American chancellor's reunion with the European Parliament and Commission (1997) in Brussels, Belgium.
- The San Jose XIII ministerial conference, European Union and Central America (1997) in The Hague, Netherlands.
- Central American Cooperation Forum with the Republic of Taiwan, Central America and Korea, Central America and Japan in Tuxla, Mexico and Central America.
- Central American Presidents Summits, Belize, Dominican Republic, Panama, in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

- Iberoamerican Summits held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia; Bariloche, Argentina; Margarita Island, Venezuela and Viña del Mar, Chile.
- Foreign affairs ministers reunions in Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Panama.

BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

- Participated in the bilateral negotiations with El Salvador on the Convention for Nationalization and Acquired Rights of Honduran and Salvadoran residents living on either side of the border.
- Convention for the demarcation within a year of the Honduras-El Salvador border, ordered by the 1992 Sentence of the International Court of The Hague.
- Negotiations for the delimitation of the maritime border with Guatemala, Belize, Jamaica and its relation with the treaty of maritime delimitation signed with Columbia.
- Binational convention with Mexico.
- The Maritime Spaces Law and the Decree Maritime base lines were advocated under his management.
- Drew a strategy to establish the bases for the delimitations of the maritime borders with various countries.

1995,1994

Secretary of State for the Economy and Trade

Under his responsibility was the promotion of the economy, trade, stimulation of foreign investment, facilitation of agreements between various economical and social agents, negotiations concerning international customs dues, etc. The International Property General Direction was organized under his management.

The Secretary of State held the following positions:

- Chairman of the board of directors of the Honduran Coffee Institute (IHCAFE).
- Chairman of the board of directors of the Honduran Agriculture Marketing Institute (IHMA).
- President of the National Coffee Grower Fund.
- President of the National Tourism Council.
- Chairman of the board of directors of the National Ports Company.
- Chairman of the board of directors of the National Basic Products Supply (BANASUPRO).
- National Agriculture Development Bank (BANADESA).
- Governor of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI).
- Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Director of the Central Bank of Honduras

Participated as Economics Minister to the Assemblies of the Inter-American Development Bank (1994 and 1995).

Participated as conference man in reunions on investment and business opportunities in Honduras, Republic of Taiwan, Hong-Kong, Canada and the Latin Chambers of Commerce (Camacol) in Miami, Florida.

The Secretariat of State was responsible for promoting:

- Competition Law Project (anti-monopolistic and anti-oligopolistic).
- Tourism and Hotels Incentives Law Project.
- Consumer Protection Law Project.
- Conventions for the promotion and reciprocal protection of investments with Germany, the Republic of Taiwan, Spain and the United States of America.

1984 to 1982

President of the Autonomous Municipal Bank (BANMA)

State institution dedicated to the promotion and financing of public works, infrastructure, public services and the training of mayors and government workers of the country's municipalities.

Participated as President of the Autonomous Municipal Bank in the following events:

- 1 – Conference on Latin America-Europe investments (1983) sponsored by ALIDE, in Portugal.
- 2 – World reunion of Municipalities convoked by the IULA (1983) in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 3 – Reunion of Central American and Caribbean Mayors (1984), sponsored by Alcalde Mauricio Ferré, in Miami, Florida.
- 4 – Seminary on the development of the Community (1982) in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

1963

Trial Judge of the Olancho department.

Deliberated civil and penal matters.

ACTIVITIES IN THE POLITICAL SECTOR

- Participated, in various electoral fields, in Presidential Campaign of José Manuel Zelaya Rosales (2005).
- Member of the commission for the Presidential Campaign of Carlos Roberto Reina (1993), in the field of government and finances plan.
- Member of the Liberals Party Political Commission.
- President of the Institute for Economics, Politics and Social Studies “Francisco Morazán” of the Liberal Party.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

2004

Organizer and first Executive President of the Popular Association for Savings and Credit SA

First regulated credit institution exclusively dedicated to the promotion and financing of micro and small enterprises in towns and provinces.

Participated in the following reunions:

- 1 – The SME's Week (Small and Medium sized Enterprises) in Mexico (2002).
- 2 – Assembly of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Lima, Peru (2004).
- 3 – Latin American Microfinance Reunion (2005), sponsored by the IDB and held in Cartagena, Colombia.

1969 to 1965

Private professional activities.

1982 to 1969

Was in charge of the following private sector positions:

Secretary of the board of Banco Hipotecario SA, then transformed into Banco Sogerin SA, of the Sogerin Group.

Assistant to the presidency of the Sogerin Bank
Founding member of the “Diario Tiempo”.

Director of the following companies:

- General Investment Societies SA (Sogerin Group)
- Urban Developments SA (Sogerin Group)
- Promotions and Tourism SA (Sogerin Group)
- New Hotels Company SA (Sogerin Group)
- Rio Lindo Textiles SA
- Urban developments manager SA (Sogerin Real Estate Group) ç
- Coordinator of the project for the construction of the Hotel and Club “Copantl” in San Pedro Sula.

1993 to 1985

Director of the Corporate and Investment Bank of the Sogerin Bank SA.

DECORATIONS

Was decorated by various governments such as the Republics of Columbia, Argentina and Nicaragua.

OGANIZATIONS IN WHICH HE BELONGS OR BELONGED

- Honduran Liberal Party
- Lawyers College of Honduras
- Foundation Friends of the National Park “La Tigra” (AMITIGRA)
- Foundation of Assistance to the Public Hospitals
- Foundation “María”
- Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa
- Honduran National Tourism Chamber
- National Industries Association (ANDI)
- Governors board member of the Coveló Foundation (Leader in Microfinance)
- Various university, cultural and social organizations