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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**NOMINATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR OF A CANDIDATE
FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

1. At its 108th Session, the Executive Council (the Council) adopted a decision on the “Road Map for the Process of the Appointment of the Next Director-General in 2025” (EC-108/DEC.5, dated 6 March 2025), requesting the Chairperson of the Council to invite, on the Council’s behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates for the position of Director-General of the Technical Secretariat of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) by no later than 16 May 2025, to enable their consideration by the Council.
2. The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Ecuador to the OPCW has submitted to the Technical Secretariat a note verbale informing it of the nomination by the Government of the Republic of Ecuador of H.E. Ambassador Andrés Terán Parral, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the OPCW, as candidate for the position of Director-General.
3. In accordance with EC-108/DEC.5, the above-mentioned note verbale is herewith conveyed to the members of the Council.

Annex (English only):

Note Verbale No. 4-9-03/2025-RPECU from the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Ecuador to the OPCW Dated 11 March 2025



Annex

**NOTE VERBALE NO. 4-9-03/2025-RPECU FROM THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR
TO THE OPCW DATED 11 MARCH 2025**



PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR TO THE OPCW

No. 4-9-03/2025-RPECU

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Ecuador presents its compliments to the Executive Council of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons ("OPCW") and in reference to the letter L/PMO-558/25, dated 10 March 2025, has the honour to inform of the nomination by the Government of the Republic of Ecuador of Ambassador Andrés Terán Parral, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the OPCW, as candidate for the position of Director General of the Organisation.

The curriculum vitae of Ambassador Terán Parral, is enclosed to this communication.

The Permanent Representation would kindly request that this communication and its annex be circulated to the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Ecuador avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Council of the OPCW the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Hague, 11 March 2025

TO THE HONORABLE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (OPCW)
THE HAGUE. -

c.c. Members of the Executive Council of the OPCW
Technical Secretariat of the OPCW

ANDRÉS TERÁN PARRAL

Ambassador of the Republic of Ecuador

Career Diplomat | International Lawyer | Specialist in Multilateral/International Affairs

Biography

Andrés Terán Parral is a career diplomat and lawyer with over 42 years of experience in diplomacy and multilateralism. He has served in numerous postings and has held various senior leadership and executive positions including Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Legal Adviser of the Ministry. He currently serves as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Ecuador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons ("OPCW"). In 2024, Andrés Terán Parral was elected as Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW. He has also acted as Agent/Co-Agent of Ecuador before the International Court of Justice (2024–Present), spearheading high-stakes litigation on matters of territorial sovereignty and international law.

Languages

Spanish (Native) - **English** (Fluent) - **French** (Fluent) - **Portuguese** (Fluent)

Decorations

- **Ecuador:** National Order of Merit (Commander)
- **Spain:** Order of Isabel la Católica (Officer)
- **Chile:** Order of Bernardo O'Higgins (Grand Officer)
- **Brazil:** Order of Rio Branco (Grand Cross)

Education

- **Law Degree**, Universidad Católica de Paraguay
- **Law Degree**, Universidad Internacional del Ecuador
- **Diploma in European Community Studies**, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- **Advanced Studies in Law & International Relations**, Universidad Católica del Ecuador/Paraguay

Diplomatic and Multilateral Experience

2024–Present

- **Chairperson of the Executive Council** | Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- **Agent / Co-Agent of Ecuador** | International Court of Justice (The Hague)

2022–2024

- **Chair of the Budget Committee** | Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

2021–2022

- **Vice Chairperson** | OPCW Conference of States Parties (2022)
- **Vice Chairperson of the Executive Council** | OPCW (2021)

2020

- **Budget Facilitator** | International Criminal Court (ICC)

Bilateral Diplomacy & Strategic Postings

2019–Present

- **Ambassador to the Netherlands**
- **Permanent Representative to the OPCW**

2011–2018

- **Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador** (2018–2019)
- **Director for South America** | Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2017–2018)
- **Director of International Relations** | State Attorney General's Office (2015–2016)
- **Ambassador to Canada** (2011–2014)

2009 – 2011

- **Chargé d'Affaires (with Cabinet Letters) to Colombia** (2009–2011)
- **Deputy Head of Mission to Uruguay** (2009)

2001–2008

- **Deputy Chief of Mission to the United States** (2004–2006)
- **Deputy Chief of Mission to Belgium/EU** (2001–2004)

National Governance & Strategic Advisory Roles

2006–2015

- **Chief of Staff to the Foreign Minister** (2008–2009)
- **Under Secretary-General** | Central Bank of Ecuador (2007–2008)
- **Legal Adviser** | Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006–2007)

1997–2000

- **Diplomatic Adviser to the President of Ecuador** (2000–2001)
- **Deputy Chief of Protocol** | Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1997–2000)

1990–1997

- **Head of Diplomatic Coordination** | Vice Presidency of Ecuador (1998–2000)
- **First Secretary for Bilateral Cooperation** | Embassy to Spain (1992–1997)

1983–1990

- **Chief of Staff to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs** (1990–1992)
- **Third Secretary and head of the Consular Section** | Embassy to Paraguay (1984–1989)

1983–1984

- Joined the **Foreign Service of Ecuador**