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Sra. Cecilia Meirovich,
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Dear Excellency,

Please forgive me for corresponding in English. I am taking the liberty of writing to recommend my former colleague Dr Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky as a candidate to be nominated by the Government of Argentina to the position of Commissioner of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

I have known Dr Bohoslavsky for close to ten years and I consider him to be one of the most highly qualified international experts in the field of human rights. He distinguished himself in the role of Independent Expert of the United Nations Human Rights Council on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights. He took over a mandate that had not contributed as much as most observers would have hoped, and made it central to discussions not just about debt but about a broader range of fiscal and financial policies that have a major impact on the enjoyment of human rights.

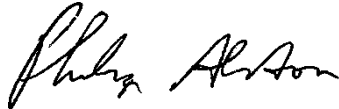
In his capacity as Independent Expert he showed excellent judgment in his selection of issues to explore and his reports were consistently highly informative and well-researched. They were also nuanced and insightful and, as a result, made a significant contribution to our understanding of the relevant issues.

Dr Bohoslavsky is also an excellent scholar and again his academic research has tackled a range of issues that most other researchers have ignored. His work has consistently been at the cutting edge, whether in tackling Covid-19, the deeply problematic role played by institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, or the importance of tackling extreme inequality and extreme poverty.

If nominated and elected to the Inter-American Commission he would bring a depth of knowledge and expertise on a range of issues that are not generally well covered in the work of that Commission, in addition to his capacity to contribute in a balanced and thoughtful way to the full array of issues that are on the Commission's agenda.

I believe that his nomination would add immensely to the work and stature of the Commission and would reflect in the best possible way on his home country. I enthusiastically support his candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Alston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" and the last name "Alston" clearly distinguishable.

Philip Alston